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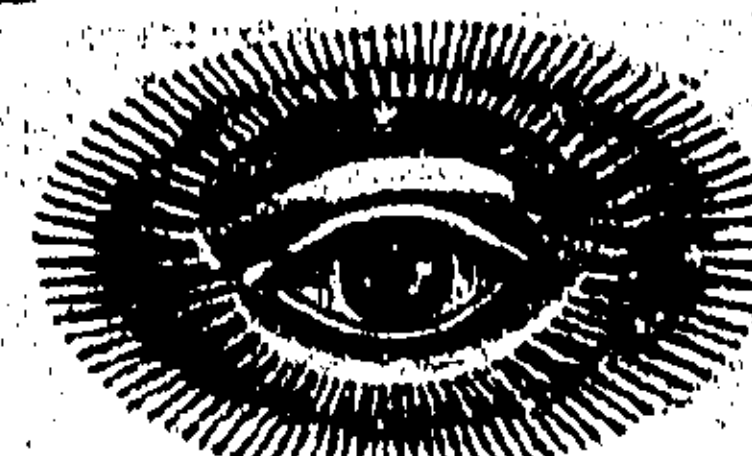
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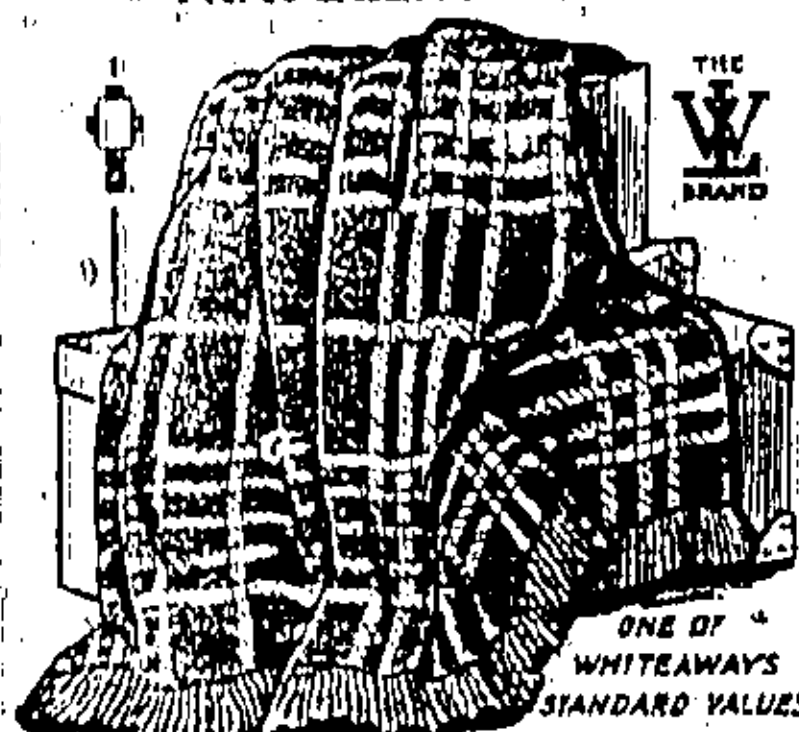


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CHINESE PROBLEM.

**America To Follow a Policy of Her Own?
NEW TREATY HINT.**

President Urged to Act Apart From Other Nations.

The most important feature in to-day's news concerning China is a resolution passed by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives that the United States should act independently of other nations in her relations with China.

The President is represented as seeing a wide difference between the British and American problems in China, and there is a suggestion that he will be asked to negotiate with China with a view to arranging a new treaty to replace the existing treaties.

AMERICA'S PROBLEM.

Different From Britain's.

Washington, Jan. 25. President Coolidge is represented as seeing a wide difference between the British and American problems in China, since America is without concessions there. Hence there are possibilities of differences in general policy. In the meantime the Government will use the forces available in China to protect its nationals to its best ability.—
Reuter's American Service.

Independent Action.

Washington, Jan. 25. The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee has approved a resolution of the Chairman, Mr. Porter, that the United States should act independently of other nations in her relations with China.—
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New Treaty Mooted.

Washington, Jan. 25. According to the Foreign Affairs Committee's resolution, the President would be asked to negotiate with China with a view to arranging a treaty to replace the existing treaties regarding extra-territoriality and the jurisdictional regime.

The resolution is prefaced by a declaration that the United States in its relations with China has always tried to act in a spirit of mutual equity, and the development in China have made it desirable that the United States Government should take the initiative in bringing about the adjustment of treaty relations.—
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Not Following Our Lead.

Washington, Jan. 25. The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, is preparing a public statement on American policy in China.

Apparently Britain's lead will not be followed at present by any extensive concentration of American forces in the Orient.—
Reuter's American Service.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Shanghai City Quiet.

The following naval messages have been received by wireless, dated last night.

Shanghai City is quiet. The tram strike has been settled. Omnibuses are not running owing to intimidation.

The Wing On Company's strike has been settled and employees have returned to work.

Four hundred employees of rice shops in the settlement struck yesterday for increases in wages.

Wealthy Men Executed.
An Ichang message states that the premises of the British-American Tobacco Company and those of Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., were commandeered on Monday and a similar attempt made on the Union Jack Club. The premises in question have since been cleared.

According to a Changsha wireless message, several wealthy Chinese have been executed and others imprisoned by the provincial Government.

The position at Hankow is unchanged, states another Naval wireless message. Twenty-five missionaries have arrived from the interior of Hunan province.

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

V.C. Viscount Chief of Staff.

London, Jan. 25.

The "Megantic" has left Liverpool for Malta with Major-General Duncan, who will complete his staff at Malta. The Chief of his staff will be Viscount Gort V.C.

It is expected that all the units in England will be ready to sail before the week-end.

Six hundreds of the First Third Coldstream Guards, who volunteered for service in China, joined the Second Battalion at Wellington Barracks to-day.

No State of War.

The report that Sir Charles Harrington will be appointed Commander-in-Chief in China, is authoritatively described as baseless.

It is pointed out that such an appointment would indicate a state of war which does not exist and is not anticipated.

Two flights of the R.A.F. and eighty naval ratings also embarked on the "Minnesota," the latter being reliefs for crews of the China Station.—
Reuter.

Cheers for Marines.

The transport "Zeeland," which has been renamed the "Minnesota," was moored at Portsmouth at nine o'clock this morning, gladdening the hearts of the Marines who have been kicking their heels in barracks for a week impatient to depart for China.

The battalion marched from the barracks to the "Minnesota" this afternoon cheered by huge crowds along the three-mile route.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

**Result To Be Announced
To-morrow.**

The result of the "China Mail" 1st \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be announced to-morrow. The competition has aroused keen interest and has received a great deal of support. Hereafter results will be announced regularly every Thursday.

with bands playing and the men singing and whistling.

It is not likely that the "Minnesota" will depart before morning.—
Reuter.

WHO THEY ARE.

Lt.-Col. Viscount Gort, V.C.

The chief of staff to Major-General John Duncan, Lt.-Col. Viscount Gort, V.C., D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., of the Grenadier Guards, was born in July, 1866. He is the son of the 5th Viscount. He was educated at Harrow and Sandhurst and entered the Army at the age of 19. In 1913 he was A.D.C. to the General Officer Commanding, the London district. He was promoted Captain in 1914 and Brevet Major in 1916. After the War (i.e. in 1921) he received his present rank of Lt.-Colonel. He served throughout the War from 1914 to 1918 and won many honours, including the highest—the Victoria Cross—in 1918. Among his other distinctions are:—mentioned in despatches nine times, the Military Cross (1915), Distinguished Service Order (1917) with two bars. In 1910 he was created a member of the Victorian Order. Viscount Gort's heir is the Hon. Charles Standish Vereker, who was born in 1912 and he also has a daughter. Viscount Gort's wife was Miss Corinne Vereker, whom he married in 1911 and divorced in 1925.

How He Won The V.C.
The circumstances in which Viscount Gort won his V.C. are as follows: He led the First Battalion of the Grenadier Guards in the attack of the Guards Division across the Canal du Nord, near Flessquieres. Under heavy artillery

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 1/15.

PRIEST MURDERED?

**Church Said to Have
Been Burnt.**

RUMOUR OF AN OUTRAGE.

Confirmation is not obtainable at the moment of a report that a French Roman Catholic father has been murdered in the Hoi Fung district, near Waichow (in Kwangtung province), not far from Hong Kong.

The report is that an outrage has been committed by a large band of native robbers who are stated to have burned down a convent and a small church.

Inquiries were made at the local French Mission by the "China Mail" to-day. No news has been received from Waichow for a week and, accordingly, it is not possible to confirm or deny the rumour.

Convent and Church Destroyed.

In the ordinary course of events, Waichow or the Hoi Fung district is only a few days from Hong Kong, but communications are interrupted at present. However, it would not have been difficult to get a message down to Swatow for transmission if such an event had happened.

On the other hand, colour is lent to the report by details of how two bands of robbers combined, how they burned down the convent after looting it, and then subsequently proceeded to the small church where the Reverend Father is said to have kept some money.

The report goes that the Father was shot almost immediately after which the church was ransacked and then burned down.

and machine-gun fire, he took his battalion to the forming-up ground where very severe artillery and machine-gun fire was again encountered. Although wounded, he directed a platoon to make a flanking attack, and under terrific fire, went across open ground to obtain the assistance of a tank, which he personally led. He was again severely wounded by a shell, but after lying on a stretcher for a while, he insisted on personally directing the further attack. By his magnificent example all ranks were inspired, and the attack resulted in the capture of over 200 prisoners, two batteries of field guns, and numerous machine-guns. Viscount Gort organised the defence of the captured position until he collapsed; even then he refused to leave the field until he had seen the "success signal" go up on the final objective.

General Harrington.

Lt.-General Sir Charles Harrington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., whose name was mentioned in connection with the Shanghai command, won much distinction in the Great War. He was G.O.C. the Army of the Black Sea 1920-8. In the course of which his negotiations with Mustafa Kemal won for him a high reputation. He is 53 years of age and has been G.O.C. Northern Command since 1923. He was Deputy Chief of Imperial General Staff from 1918-20. During the War he was promoted several times and received foreign honours as well. One of the most famous of officers on the active list, Sir Charles has 34 years' service to his credit and he belongs to the (King's) Liverpool Regiment.

SHANGHAI FORCE.

Important Appointments.

London, Jan. 25. The following appointments have been made to the Shanghai Defence Force:—

Commander.—Major-General John Duncan.

General Staff Officer No. 1.—Colonel Viscount Gort.

G.S.O. 2.—Major the Hon. P. G. Scarlett (Buffs).

G.S.O. 2.—Major R. D. Bennett (Middlesex).

G.S.O. 3.—Captain J. F. Ferguson (Durham Light Infantry).

G.S.O. 3.—Captain E. R. Kennedy (Indian Army).

A.A. and Q.M.G.—Colonel W. D. S. Brynmwyr (Sherwoods).

D.A.A.G.—Major J. A. Churchill (Durham Light Infantry).

D.A.Q.M.G.—Major M. J. A. Jourdlar (East Surreys).

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"SUNNING" PIRACY

**Discharge of Three
Prisoners.**

COUNSEL & ADOLPH BECK CASE.

At the resumed hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Mr. Justice Wood addressed the jury as follows:—

"You were not present yesterday to listen to the argument addressed to the Court. One result of that argument was that I have decided to withdraw the case against Nos. 7, 9 and 14.

"The responsibility of doing so is mine, of course, and I have come to this decision because the evidence against them is so slight and so conflicting that it would not be right to leave in the hands of the jury a life or death verdict.

"I relieve you of that responsibility and enter a formal verdict of 'not guilty' on their behalf by direction of the Court. Nos. 7, 9 and 14 are therefore discharged."

Prisoners' Composure.

The numbers were taken from these prisoners and they were led below the dock by police officers. They showed no outward feelings of elation.

Seven Prisoners now remain.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., then addressed the jury on behalf of the one remaining prisoner on whose behalf he appeared at the request of the Crown (the three discharged men were all represented by him in the first instance).

This remaining prisoner (No. 8) counsel indicated that he would be putting in the box to give evidence on his own behalf. Counsel reminded the jury of the gravity of the issue which was in the same category as that of murder. It was a case which

ANOTHER 41,000 LESS.

**Britain's Unemployment Now
Decreasing.**

Rugby, Jan. 25.

The Ministry of Labour announces that on January 17 the total number of unemployed was 1,891,000.

This was 41,014 less than a week ago, but 175,125 more than a year ago.—
British Wireless Service.

depended on identity. The jury not only had to decide that certain acts were committed but they had to consider whether they were satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that they were committed by a particular person and not by someone else who might closely resemble him.

Adolph Beck Case.

The records of the Courts of Justice were full of cases of people who had suffered either the death penalty or long terms of imprisonment for offences committed by people they closely resembled. Doubtless within the recollection of some of the jury was the famous Adolph Beck case which had stirred England about 25 years ago. It was a case in which a man had been repeatedly arrested and imprisoned for offences against women and had vehemently declared his innocence on each occasion but, because he was identified by several witnesses on each occasion, suffered long terms of imprisonment. Eventually, the man who really had committed the offences was arrested and confessed. The two closely resembled one another.

He mentioned this, said counsel, to indicate how careful a jury had to be where serious issues were at stake and where they had only circumstantial evidence and the opinion of someone that a particular person had committed a particular act.

Examining the case for the Crown they would see that only one witness had given evidence of piracy against No. 8 and that witness was one they could not believe because he was lying—and palpably lying.

There were many cases of liars in the world, but the most common was the man who, being told that he had previously told a cer-

"AN OVERT ACT."

**America and Mexican
Action.**

CHANGE IN OPINION.

Washington, Jan. 25.

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Reuter's American Service.

Arbitration Demanded.

Washington, Jan. 25.

The Senate has adopted a resolution moved by the Democratic leader Senator Robinson demanding that the Mexican alien oil and land laws as they apply to United States citizens be submitted to arbitration. Reuter's American Service.

A Strong Hint.

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tain story, decides on the spot to stick to it.

No. 8 in the Box.

No. 8 prisoner was then examined at some length by Mr. Alabaster. In reply to questions, witness stated that he was a druggist in Amoy, also having a shop in Formosa, where he was born and where his family was now living.

Witness denied all complicity in the piracy, adding that, he was journeying to Hong Kong for the purpose of purchasing medicinal oil in connection with his business.

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Further questioned, witness admitted not having used the oils previously. "I was going to make experiments; it was a new enterprise."

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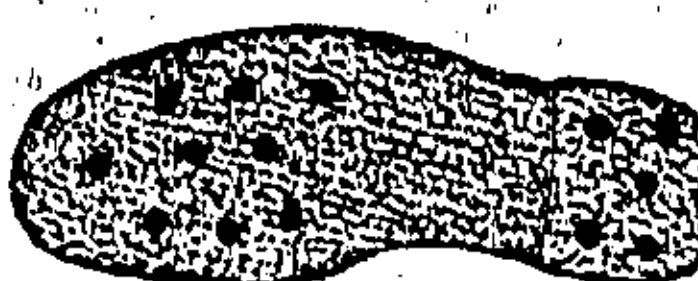
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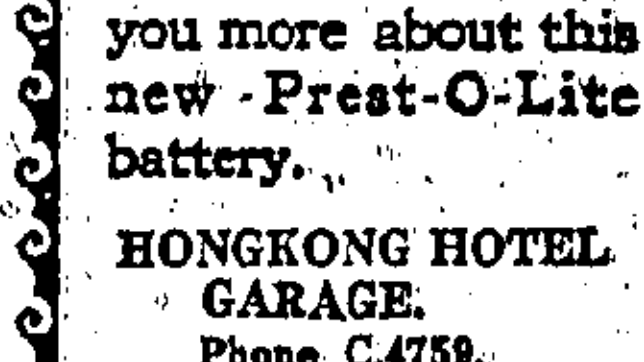
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Paris, Jan. 25.
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of France confirms that 4,200,000 dollars worth of gold bullion has been sent to New York and represents the proceeds of the Government's purchases from the French public. The bank has received in exchange dollars of equivalent value, and the bank has thus established "a very substantial reserve" of dollars in the United States.

The French Government has acted similarly by means of loan

recently launched in countries whose exchange had risen. It believed the credits thus obtained amount to two milliards of francs and this will increase the French exchange reserve and help

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火火	公	"	85	—

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			lb.	18	—	1
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NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors. L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary. Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1927 to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors. F. H. CRAPPELL, Acting Secretary. Hong Kong, January 11th 1927.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st January, 1927, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers. Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce that we have opened branches in Honan, Shamen, Canton, No. 11, Yee Ma Lo, West Bund, 1st floor and at No. 15, On Wo Lee, West Bund, undertaking the shipping of cargoes in launches and steamers running from Canton to Wuchow, Kongmoon and Hong Kong. We guarantee the safe arrival of all cargo and hold ourselves responsible for any damage that may occur charging a very moderate rate. Indian watchmen will look to the loading and unloading of cargoes.

WANG LEE & CO., Bank of Canton Building. Hong Kong, Jan. 20th, 1927.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY, THERAPION NO. 1 THERAPION NO. 2 THERAPION NO. 3

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 10, Kennedy Road

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One Okah Phonograph. Catalogues will be issued. On View from Thursday, the 27th January, 1927. Terms:—Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers. Hong Kong, 24th January, 1927.

NOTICES.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1927—1928.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, for the Supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. NAVAL SERVICE at Hong Kong during the period 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928 will be received by the Commodore, H.M. NAVAL YARD, until Noon on Monday, the 14th February, 1927:—

Frozen Meat.
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
Biscuits.
Rice.
Sugar.

Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved. H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon, January, 1927.

COMMODORE'S OFFICERS' DANCE.

H.M.S. "TAMAR."

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

ALL Traffic will enter by the Prince of Wales Gate and proceed by outer wall to TAMAR.

ALL Traffic will leave by MAIN GATE.

CARS may be parked on football ground immediately after entering Prince of Wales Gate, if desired. If parked after dropping passengers in Tamar they must proceed through MAIN GATES, QUEEN'S ROAD, & PRINCE OF WALES GATE.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1927.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of entries has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

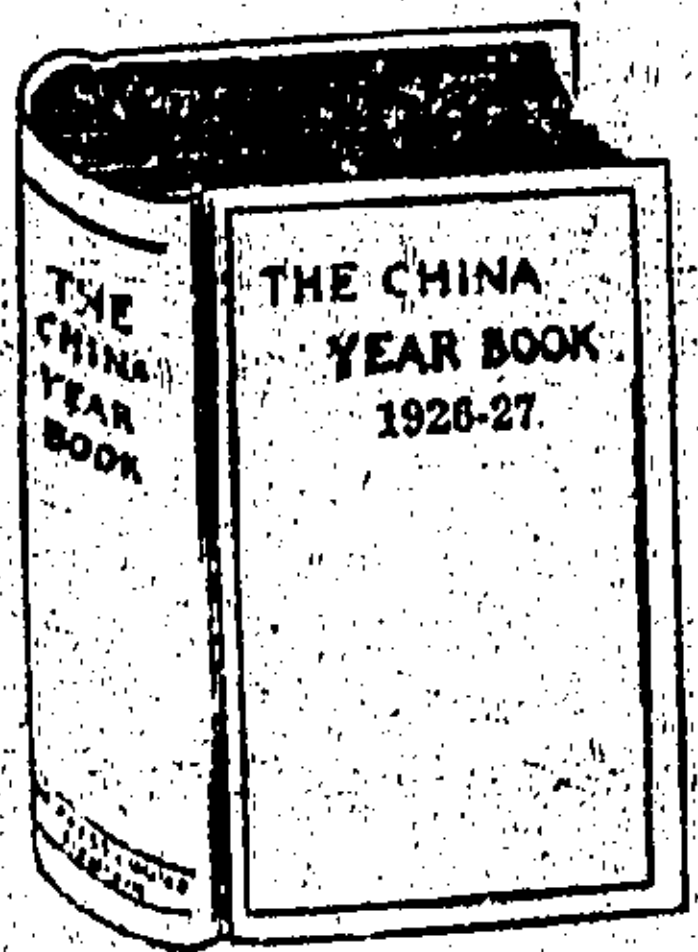
First Day—Tenth Race. The Racing Stakes.

WINNER \$600.—Second \$200.—Third \$100.—For Griffins of this Meeting and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Griffins of this Meeting allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10.—One Mile. Entries for this race should be attached to the Entry Forms already issued.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 19th January, 1927.

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MR. CHURCHILL.

GILLIE'S STORY OF A DAY IN HIGHLANDS.

"HEAVY ON HIS LEGS."

Mr. Churchill as a hillman formed the subject of a story narrated to the annual gathering of the Cairngorm Club at Aberdeen by the Rev. A. E. Robertson of the Scottish Mountaineering Club.

Mr. Churchill (said Mr. Robertson) had gone to visit the historic cave in the wild recesses of the Cairngorms Forest, Glenmore, Inverness-shire, where Prince Charlie sought refuge when hard chased after Culloden. The Highland gillie who accompanied Mr. Churchill on the expedition told his experience thus:

"Mr. Churchill was a very clever gentleman—a grand speaker, but rather heavy on his legs on the high hills. He was very anxious to see the cave, and I took him to the cave over the ram along the ridge and down into the corrie. I had a rifle with me, for I hoped the gentleman would be able to get a stag after he had seen the cave."

"Well, we got to the cave, but he was very tired. He was not a very good walker, and he was so very tired that he was going back down the corrie and not back up to the ridge, but I said I should get a stag for him. He said he would not go up the ridge for all the stags in Cennacroe."

"We started walking, when he began talking and arguing about going down the corrie, and I just did not say very much, but all the time I was just quietly walking up towards the ridge, and he was so busy with his argument he was not noticing where he was going. He was a splendid speaker, and when he had finished we were almost back on the ridge again."

"I just stopped and said: 'Well, Mr. Churchill, just look and see where ye are.' And, oh, he was very merry and just laughed and laughed, and we got a stag and he was very pleased. Oh, but he was very pleased, but rather heavy on his legs on the high hills."

FASHION'S ARBITER.

THE DEATH OF M. JEAN WORTH.

The fine arts and the dress-making trade of Paris have alike suffered a heavy loss through the death of M. Jean Philippe Worth, head of the famous fashion house of the Rue de la Paix. Son of the founder of the Maison Worth, he succeeded his father as director of the firm, and while continuing its traditions he brought to his task artistic gifts of an exceptionally high order, for he was a painter before he was a business man, and had studied under Corot. Throughout his career he always remained in close touch with artists and artistic movements, and numbered among his friends some of the most eminent modern painters and sculptors. One of his greatest interests was in studying the development of young artists, and in helping both materially and morally those in whom he discerned exceptional talent. Time has shown that his estimates of such young talent were well founded. He also enjoyed the friendship of a number of dramatic and operatic celebrities, several of whom did not hesitate to turn to him for advice concerning their own sphere of art. Disabled ex-soldiers—particularly those who were blinded or mutilated about the face—owe much to his interest and generosity, which resulted in the foundation of a club and home for them. He is succeeded in the management of the dressmaking business by his nephews, M. Jean Charles and M. Jacques Worth.

KILLED IN CRUSH.

London.—The ardour of philatelists proved fatal at the new Suez Canal town of Port Fuad, where a rush to secure the special issue of commemorative stamps occasioned a melee, in which one person was killed and many injured, says the Port said correspondent of "The Times."

Otherwise the official opening celebrations, which were marked by kaleidoscopic processions and variegated festivities, were a memorable success.

FAITH-HEALER'S LOST POWER.

The Maoris are dismayed about the loss of healing power by Ratana, the Maori faith-healer who visited England two years ago. He has effected no cures for a considerable time, and the Maoris are praying for the restoration of his powers. Ratana has adopted a philosophic attitude, advising sufferers to put their faith in the Almighty.

NEW TURK DIVORCE.

The Turkish Cabinet has issued an exhortation to judges to try divorce cases behind closed doors and forbid press reports. The motive given is that Turks are hesitating owing to the stigma of publicity.

DOTED ON A PRINCE.

BUT HAD TO PAY FOR IT.

CAUGHT BY COAL-HEAVER.

London.—The latest "Captain of Koepenik" incident is reported from Gotha, reports the Berlin correspondent of "The Times."

A well-dressed man of 22, staying at a fashionable hotel, under the name of Baron Korf, told the proprietor he was Prince Wilhelm, a son of the ex-Crown Prince, travelling incognito.

The manager of the theatre arranged a special performance at which Korf occupied the former Royal Box and presented an actress with a box of chocolates, inscribed "From Prince Wilhelm of Prussia."

Leading townspeople entertained him at dinner and local gentry invited him to a round of shooting parties, luncheons and dinners, at which he frequently borrowed money owing to "temporary difficulties."

Eventually he disappeared without paying these debts, and now it is announced that Korf is a well-known swindler who was formerly a coal-heaver.

FREE SAFETY RAZORS.

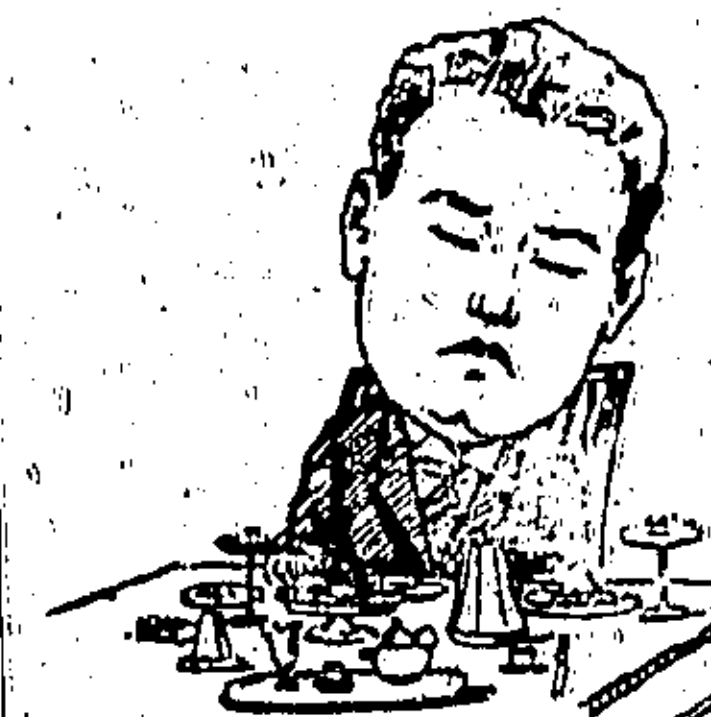
London, Jan. 1.

The Admiralty has accepted the offer of a British firm, the Auto-Strop Company, to give a free supply of safety razors to the Royal Marines.

MALARIAL STATION.

Delhi, Jan. 3.

The Government of India announce that an experimental station after the name of Sir Ronald Ross will be shortly opened under the auspices of the Indian Research Association.



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HONGKONG HOTEL VISITORS.

January 23, 1927.

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR JAN. 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
January 26	7.04	6.07
" 27	7.04	6.08
" 28	7.04	6.09
" 29	7.04	6.10
" 30	7.08	6.10
" 31	7.08	6.11

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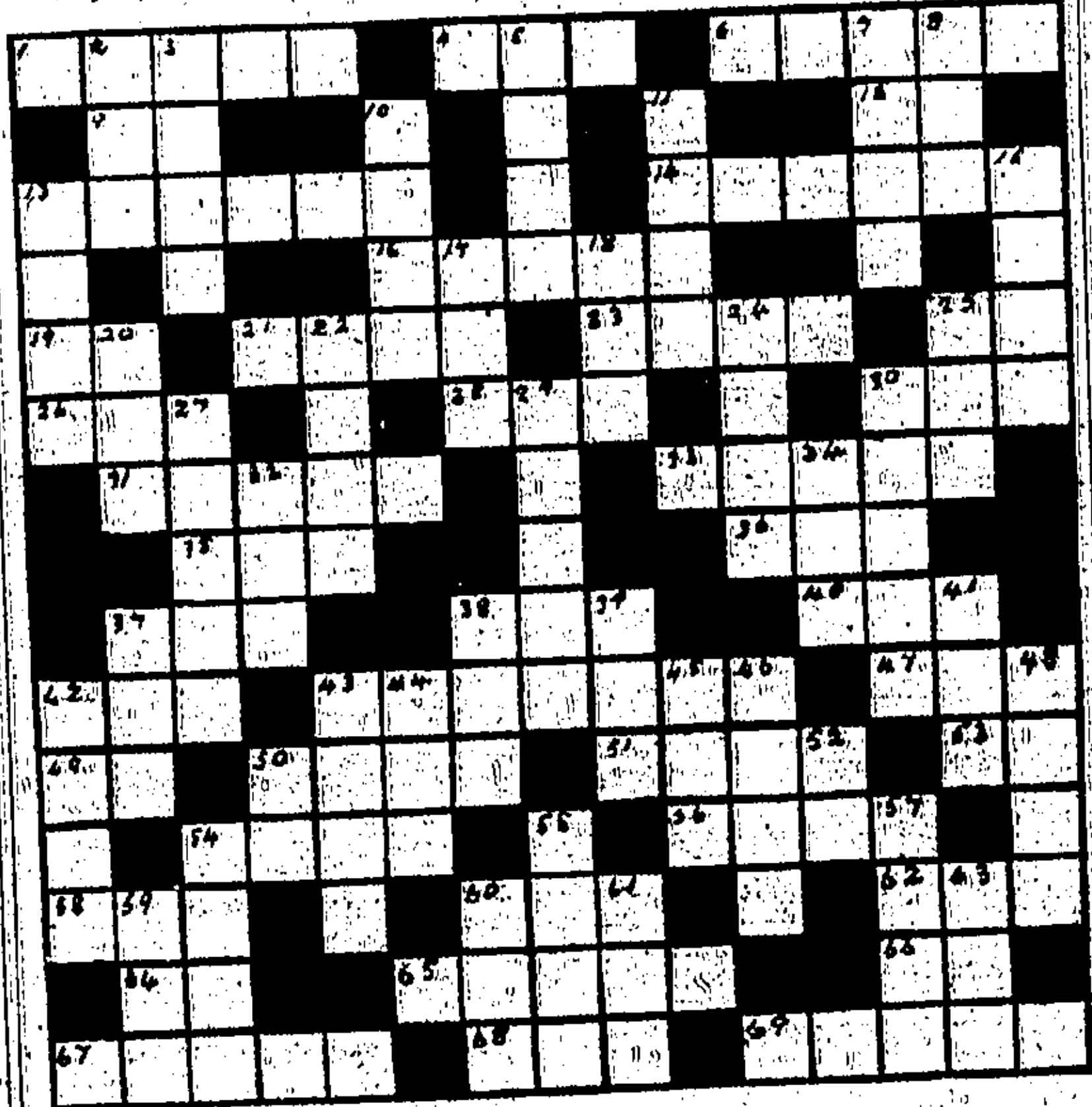
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No. 2

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1. The PRIZES in this competition will be AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, one week after the closing date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,

c/o "China Mail" Office,

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DEAR SIR,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for.....solution (s) which are attached.

Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, JAN. 31.
[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. Used for ablutions.
4. Part of a circle.
6. Pertains to music.
9. Name of a God.
12. Denotes oral indecision.
13. To be born again.
14. Tenders to supply commodities.
15. Smokes.
19. Direction.
21. Keep sounding.
22. An island.
25. Fall (Scotch).
26. Behind.
28. A month (abbrev.).
30. Hardening of eye membranes.
31. Relates to destiny.
33. A parent.
35. Past tense of "be."
36. A pit of evil.
37. A contact.
38. A law of a governing body.
40. A corruption of "adopt."
42. Antagonist.
43. Containers.
47. A god.
48. For God.
50. Without.
51. Applied to tides.
53. Direction.
54. Part of a window.
56. A song.
58. Alkaline solution.
60. A pastry mixture.
62. Tuff.
64. Argentine Republic (init).
65. Turns.
68. Thanks.
69. Passes over.
73. Length of life.
69. Gives up house.

Clues Down.

2. Part of verb "to be."
3. Strong taste.
5. To talk with fury.
7. To be in want.
8. To sin.
10. A plant.
11. Throw.
13. A genus of plant.
15. To look carefully.
17. 'I'.
18. An outfit.
20. Not on.
22. The 19th & 16th day of certain months.
24. A weight.
25. A tree.
27. Tame.
29. A system ensuring punctuality in factories.
30. Prohibitive laws.
32. To make by hand.
34. To spread grass.
37. A labourer's carrier.
38. "Crack" gunman.
39. A number.
41. Besides.
42. To frustrate an adversary.
43. To fail to rally in ill-health.
44. A unit.
45. A beverage.
46. A garment.
48. Delightful to behold.
50. Sa (actual).
52. To mix type.
54. A female of a bell.
55. Noise of a bell.
57. A painter's name.
59. Tibetan ox.
60. Of the bean family.
61. Eden without the "Edn."
63. Well-known grassy plant.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st March.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

BORNEO MARU Friday, 4th February.

INDO MARU Tuesday, 16th February.

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PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Thursday, 3rd February.

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HAIPHONG—Via HONGKONG & PAKHOI. Thursday, 24th February.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

HAWAII MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.

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ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.

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HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th Jan., 10 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 27th Jan., 8 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELING.

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SPEECH DAY.**St. Stephen's Girls' College.****VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

Speech Day at St. Stephen's Girls' College this afternoon was a fitting conclusion to a very successful year's work on which the headmistress, Miss E. Middleton Smith, her staff and pupils are to be congratulated.

Features of the period under review have been the wonderful loyalty of the girls, the highest average of University passes and a splendid year considering the disturbances in China.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University, is chairman of the school.

After an excellent programme of entertainment, the annual report was read and then Lady Clementi gave away the cups and certificates.

ANNUAL REPORT.

"Signs of Progress All Round."

The report, as presented by Miss Middleton Smith, was as follows:-

Lady Clementi, Mr. Hornell, members of the School Council, ladies and gentlemen, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon. We very deeply regret that the Bishop is, too unwell to be with us.

As Principal of the C. M. S. Associated Schools, I have to report a very satisfactory and happy year's work in each institution. St. Stephen's Hall, under the wise supervision of Miss Vincent, the acting warden, has grown in many ways. Their work and their needs were ably voiced by Miss Wong a short time ago.

My friend and colleague, Mrs. Cheung, the headmistress of Fairlea, has kept a high standard of work in the vernacular side of the school and its popularity and progress owes much to her, while Miss Atkins as warden, has given great care and thought to the welfare of the boarders. Mrs. Cheung will shortly be giving a full report of that school's work so that I shall now confine my remarks to the work in St. Stephen's Girls' College.

A Higher Standard.

As I am leaving for England in May, it is especially pleasing to be able to report a year of unbroken prosperity and happiness in the school, and I am able to say that physically, mentally and spiritually, a higher standard has been reached and maintained than at any previous time in the history of the school. This year we have been fortunate in having the services of Miss Shi as physical culture mistress. She has taught drilling, games, and folk dancing. The Government Inspector in his report spoke of the excellent work being done in this direction both in the Kindergarten and the Lower School.

Net-ball matches have been played between forms and outsiders, and a match between the school and the staff resulted in an ignominious defeat for the staff which they bore with much fortitude.

"Sanitary Conscience."

We have noted a marked advance in the way the girls can now take a beating with a smile and play their best all through a game whether they are winning or not. The Medical Officer, Dr. Minett, gave us an excellent report, especially remarking on the "sanitary conscience" which is encouraged in the Kindergarten by the daily hand and handkerchief parade. She congratulated us on the progress made in building, i.e. a new gymnasium shed, gold-fish pond and other improvements, but deeply deplored the lack of a swimming bath which she hoped might be added shortly.

The results of the University examinations show a very marked advance in the school work.

For Efficiency.

We sent in a larger number of candidates than ever before and out of the twelve Matriculation and Senior entries, eleven passed four matriculating and one gaining distinction in English. Four S.S.G.C. girls have now entered as undergraduates. Seventeen juniors took the examination and twelve passed, one gaining distinction in English, one in music, and four in needlework.

The visit of the Inspector of English schools was a help to us all. In his report he said the work in all departments was very good. He especially commented on the care given to English, both written and spoken. He considered the general organisation of the school excellent and thought the amalgamation of the three institutions of St. Stephen's Hall, Fairlea School and St. Stephen's Girls' College tended towards efficiency.

The spirit of social service has never been more keen. In the summer holidays eight girls gave up their mornings to teaching poor children.

Help By "Old" Girls. Each Sunday girls visit the hospital and carry the comforting words of the Great Physician to the sick and suffering. Others go to the prison to cheer and teach the sad and hopeless.

The classes to give free education to amahs and mul-tails have grown considerably and Miss Nancy Ho, one of our old girls, still carries on this excellent work.

A Christmas treat was given in our playground when about one

hundred poor children were made happy.

The girls of the Home for the Blind were also entertained by the members of our Y.W.C.A.

We are thankful to find that when our girls leave school they are still ready to help others. An old St. Stephen's girl brought a little girl and offered to play for her board in Fairlea, in order to prevent her being sold. This meant considerable self-sacrifice.

The girls now form the choir in St. Stephen's Church in the morning, and in St. John's Cathedral at evensong. Mr. Mason's singing lessons have been invaluable.

There have been several baptisms during the year, and on Trinity Sunday seventeen of our girls were confirmed.

The school Y.W.C.A. is doing excellent work. The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study classes are well attended.

The elder girls have started a club for the junior school where they teach them to make things for the Yunnanfu hospital, etc.

This year we have adopted two orphans in the Victoria Home and \$400 has been voted by our Council to provide scholarships to educate girls unable to pay full fees from Yunnanfu, owing to the financial position there. We hope they will go back after being educated here and help the Rev. Ronald Lankester in Christian educational work in that great province.

Nearly \$4,000 has been given this year to help poor schools, hospitals and other charitable objects. This is a larger sum than in previous years, but it has only been possible through the self-sacrifice of the girls. It was delighted to have the support and help of St. Stephen's Hall and Fairlea at our Sale of Work; they contributed much to its success.

The Scholar's Benefactors.

The S.S.G.C. Alumni Association has increased in membership and old girls are coming forward as members.

H.E. the Governor came to see our playground recently and very kindly made it possible for us to build a another tennis court which was badly needed.

Mr. Woo Hay-tung has kindly given a handsome cheque for the new tennis court.

Dr. C. K. Ma has most generously presented the school with a gold-fish pond and fountain which will be a great joy to our Kindergarten babies when finished.

Mrs. Kwok Siu-lau, our very kind friend and supporter, has again with unfailing generosity come to our aid and has given us this very handsome baby grand piano which has already been of great service. We are deeply grateful to these gentlemen for their help and interest.

From a Small Beginning.

May I, at this juncture, pay an unqualified tribute to the co-operation and loyalty of the staff—too large to mention individually.

I have been singularly blessed in my colleagues both Chinese and English, and wish to say how their strong sense of duty and justice and the high standard of honour set by them has helped to form the best traditions of school life, and leave their impress on the characters of many girls.

We have together sought to lay broad Christian foundations for the lives of these girls, foundations for the building up of the social, educational, natural and spiritual elevation of the people of this great land. In closing may I thank all my Chinese friends, and the parents especially, for the very loyal and generous support given me during the many years it has been my pleasure to work for the girls and women of China.

My thoughts go back to the day when I joined St. Stephen's Girls' College, then such a small school in rented premises.

Now, as I look at this beautiful hall and school, I am deeply conscious that you, my Chinese friends, helped to make it what it is.

Scholarships for Others.

Amongst those in the hall I see some old S.S.G.C. girls—girls I taught when I first came to China, and one of the happiest memories I take away with me will be that their love has remained steadfast and true and that their children are studying in the school to-day.

The winners of the scholarship generously gave the money to help a girl to come to this school in order to get a good education and then use that knowledge for others by teaching in poorer schools. Two girls have been helped in this way.

I will now ask Lady Clementi to present the cups and certificates.

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THE PROGRAMME.

The programme of entertainment—pressure of space preventing full mention—was as follows:-

1. Song, "Welcome," Lower School.

2. Sketch, "A School Rehearsal," the boarders.

3. Pianoforte Solo, Selected, Daisy Ma.

4. Scene from Shakespeare, Coriolanus.

5. (a) "Chant sans Parole" (b) "Merry are the Bells," Upper School.

6. Thanksgiving, The School.

The characters in Coriolanus were:-

Coriolanus: Hannah Surh. Sicinius (Tribune): Helen Wu.

Brutus (Tribune) Jean O'Hoy.

Menenius: Tso Wai-ki.

Cominius: Diana Ho.

Aedile: Kwok Pul-chee.

Citizens: Ellen Tso, Pansy Shaw, May Ung, Elsie Ma, Daisy Ho, Esther Lyen, Beung Tit-tsang, Li Sau-mun.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on Jan. 25, at 7.30 a.m.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,344	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,344	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MAVIA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	S'kon, M'les, L'don, H'burg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,604	18th March	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	24th April	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,335	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
MAVIA	10,902	31st June	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	15,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	6,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NEELORE	7,841	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,335	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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YESTERDAY'S PARADE.

The annual inspection of the Hong Kong Corps of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade was held on the Murray Parade Ground last evening. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi K.C.M.G., Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, etc., accompanied by Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., to His Excellency, was met by Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner (Esquire of the Order) Mr. Ho Kam-tong, Knight of Grace, and Dr. Moore.

The Royal Salute was given, the Band of the Royal Marines playing the National Anthem. His Excellency then inspected the Corps the following Divisions being on parade: the Victoria Nursing Division under the Command of Mrs. A. D. Hickling and E. M. Minett, the Y.M.C.A. King's College, Indian, Kowloon, and Railway Divisions, under the Command of Corps Supt. J. Rakston, Divl. Supts. A. E. Arcull and P. K. Ewart, Ambulance Officers Leung Sui-sang, Pun Ping-chung, Chak Tai-kwong, Sze Cheung A. H. Ram-jahn, M. A. Khan, and A. Trevor. His Excellency also inspected two motor ambulances of the Fire Brigade and many cars which have been placed at the disposal of the Corps under the Command of District Supt. A. Morris, Supt. G. W. C. Barnett, and Dr. Valentine, M.C., S. F. Lee and C. K. Ma.

Demonstration of Work.

After the inspection, the Corps marched back to stretchers and gave a demonstration of the work of an Ambulance Corps. Patients had been posted at various points on the Parade Ground, and at a given signal from the Corps Supt., stretcher parties doubled out to dress and collect the cases. These, when attended to, were placed in line opposite the stand, and His Excellency, accompanied by the officers, inspected the "stretcher parties: the bandaging was well and correctly carried out in each case, and the actual drill movements of carrying, lifting and lowering the stretchers were very smartly executed. There can be no doubt that the smartness of the Corps becomes more evident with every public parade. The Victoria Nursing Division gave a most interesting display in a Hospital tent; the smartness, skill and enthusiasm of these ladies and their officers are worthy of comment and praise. The Railway Division gave a special demonstration in a marsh model of a compartment.

After the cases had been unloaded, the Corps formed a hollow square opposite the stand. A hospital tent was erected in one corner of the ground. This was in charge of Mrs. Hickling and Mrs. Minett, the two surgeons of the Victoria Nursing Division.

Here His Excellency saw a patient in bed, representing a typhoid case. The sheets were rapidly and skilfully changed by members of the Nursing Division. In another portion of the tent was another bed, also containing a patient. In this case, bronchial treatment was demonstrated.

A number of cases handled by the Railway Division were treated, put on stretchers and lifted into a bamboo structure representing a train. Here they were slung exactly as is done in the railway waggons, so that they may travel without jolting. His Excellency was particularly interested in this, inspecting also the First Aid box, one of which is kept (sealed) in every train.

His Excellency then decorated Lieut. Commander C. R. More, R.D., R.N.R., with the "Royal Naval Reserve Officer's Decoration."

The following trophies were then presented:

The Awards.

"Ralphs' Efficiency Shield. Annual Competition. The judges were Col. Boylan Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., Dr. Moore, Dr. Milward. The Shield was awarded to the King's College Division. "Holyoak Attendance Cup," for best attendance at Drills and Lectures during the year, awarded to the Railway Division. "Lau Chu-pak Duty Cup," for best record of actual ambulance duty rendered during the year, awarded to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division. "Ho Fook Efficiency Cup," for inter-quad Competitions in the Railway Division. Awarded to Squad No. 1.

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Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Sat., 30th Jan., at Noon.
Tian via Swatow & S'hai	WAISHING	Sun., 30th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues., 1st Feb., at 1 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	POOKSANG	Fri., 4th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Sun., 9th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Hai Phong	MINGSANG	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 10 a.m.
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"Ho Brothers' Cup," for the Brigade Swimming Championship. Awarded to A. K. Minu. (Indian Division).

After the presentation of the above, His Excellency addressed the Corps: "I am happy to be able to congratulate you on a successful year of valuable work, during which every member of the Brigade passed a first aid examination. In its training the Brigade received much assistance from the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps as well as from the Matron and Sisters of the Military Hospital, where members of the nursing division attended for instruction during last summer."

The Brigade is much indebted to them and also the medical practitioners of the Colony. During last year 146 accident cases were treated by the Brigade in addition to treatment of a large number of minor injuries. The Brigade attends all fires and race meetings and is prompt to answer any emergency summons.

Colony Grateful.

For instance on one occasion such a summons was issued after 5 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m. forty men—more than the number required—had assembled, fully equipped with medical supplies and stretchers.

At the request of the Chinese residents of Cheung Chau and Aberdeen members of the Brigade visited these places and vaccinated 635 persons. The Brigade has also helped in the first aid training of the Chinese police and firemen; and in June and July it gave live saving demonstrations at the public bathing beaches of the Colony.

The Government and the people of Hong Kong have good reason to be grateful to the Brigade, and the Brigade in turn has good reason to be grateful to Assistant Commissioner Ralphs and all its officers for their enthusiastic work. The Brigade deserves and will, I am sure, receive support from the whole community of the Colony and I wish it increasing success and an ever widening sphere of usefulness as the years go by.

The Corps re-formed ranks and marched past by divisions, His Excellency being at the Saluting base. They then marched off the "Parade Ground," headed by the Royal Marines Band. They were dismissed on the Volunteer Parade Ground.

The Inspection and Display were watched by a large number of interested spectators including Colonel Russell Brown, Col. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. J. R. Phillips, and very many ladies, European and Chinese.

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NEW GUINEA'S MYSTERIES.

San Francisco, Prof. Steirling, in a cable despatch from Batavia, reports that he has completed a highly successful aeroplane tour of Dutch New Guinea. He adds that he has discovered a race of pigmies, hitherto unknown, and has secured numerous anthropological measurements and other data of value.

Paris, Jan. 24. The four Geribaldi brothers, including Eteobaldi, have sent a letter to M. Doumergue asking leave to return their insignia of the Legion of Honour—Reuter.

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MORIOKA MARU Monday, 31st January.

NAGATO MARU Tuesday, 8th February.

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TANGO MARU Friday, 19th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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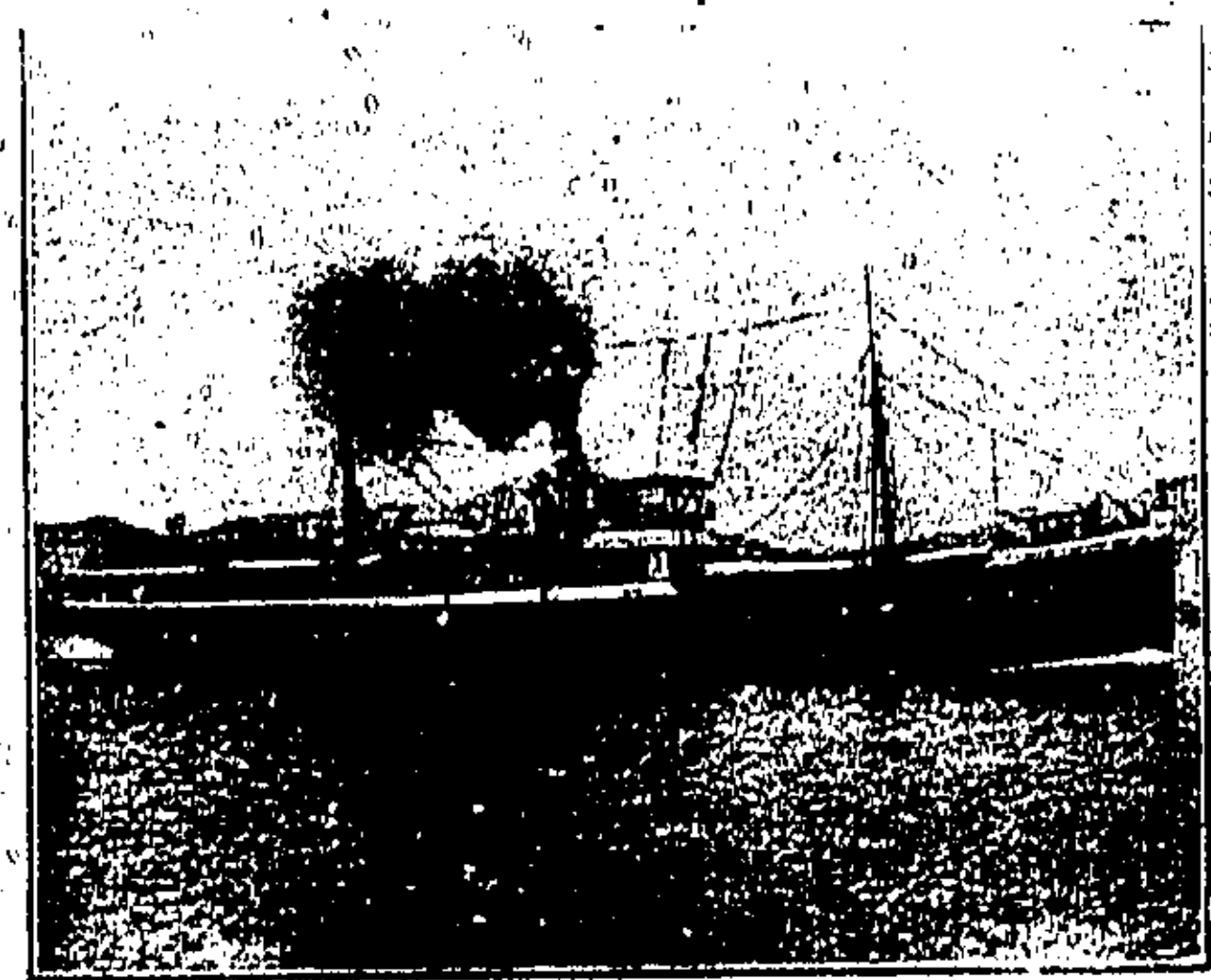
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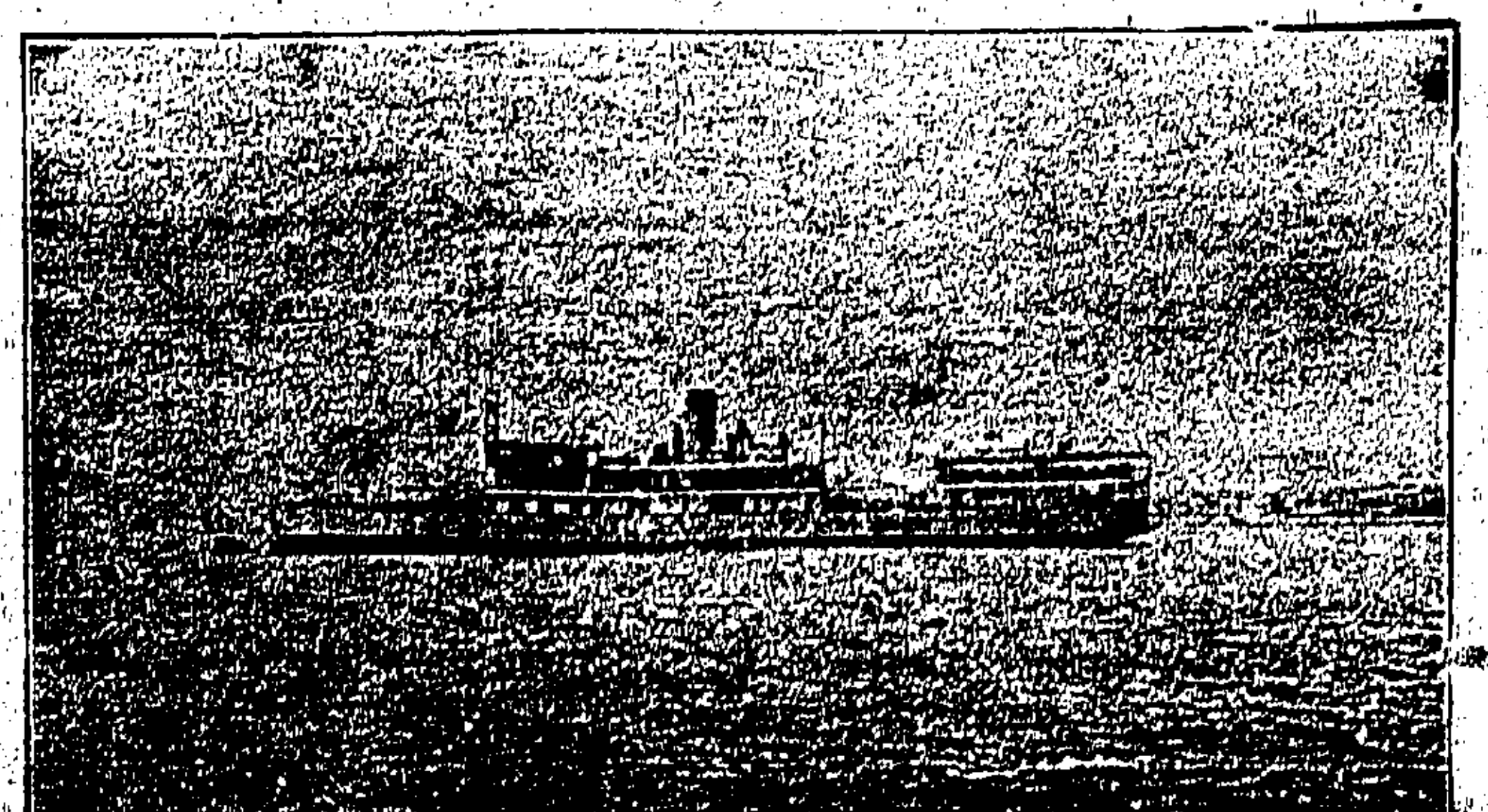
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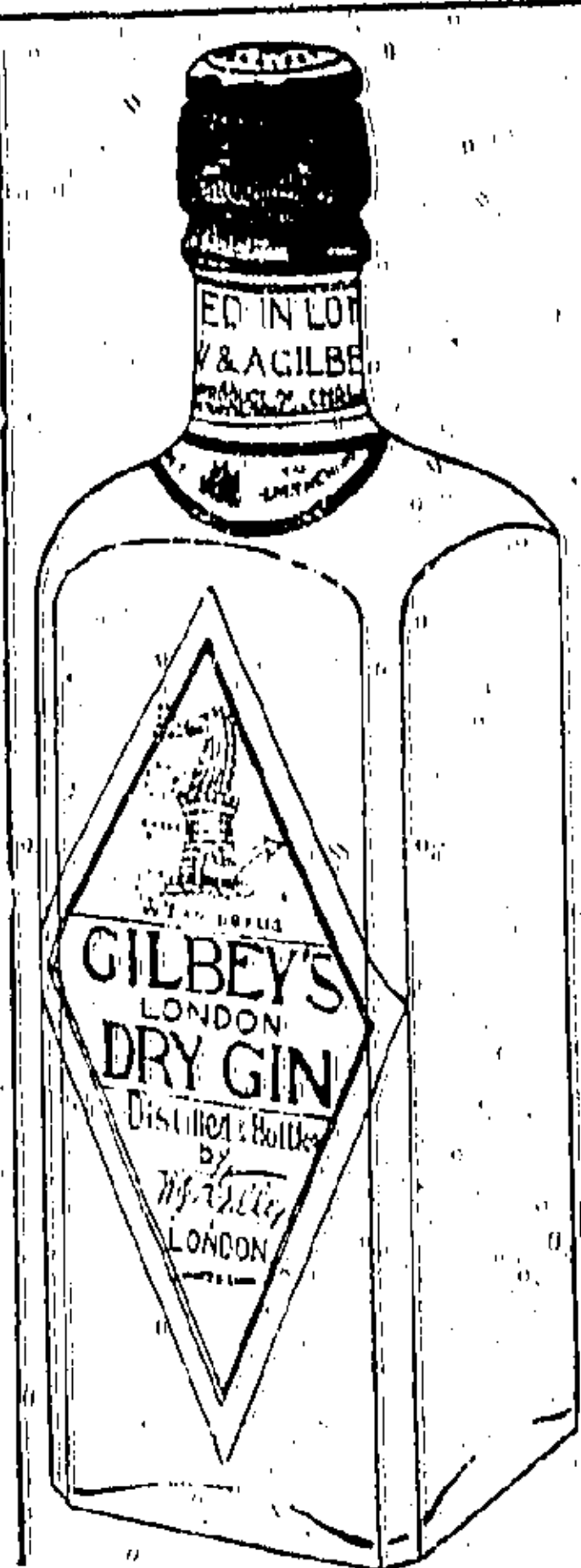


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BIRTH.

KEARNS.—On January 19, 1927, at
Ningpo, to Mr. and Mrs. John
Kearns, a daughter.

DEATH.

WARREN.—On January 16, 1927,
at Changsha, Gilbert George
Warren, Wesleyan Minister, in
his 66th year.

CHINA AND BRITAIN.

Mr. Eugene Chen, the National-
ist Foreign Minister, in his lat-
est official statement, published
locally to-day, asserts that Great
Britain or any other Power has
nothing to fear when China, "un-
der Nationalist leadership and
rule, recovers her lost indepen-
dence." So far as Nationalist
leadership and rule are concern-
ed, until the Nationalist Govern-
ment can point to a record of
steady good government, we must
take Mr. Chen's word for its in-
tentions. But so far as a strong
independent China is concerned we
cordially agree with him. Friend-
ship with the Powers is so ob-
viously in the interest of China
that a responsible government
cannot be imagined adopting any
other course. Especially is this
true of Britain. The Chinese and
the British have more in common
possibly than any two other na-
tions. The trade that China and
Britain have done with each
other in the past is trifling com-
pared with the trade they can do
with each other when the Re-
public finally secures a stable, per-
manent government. Hence
it is mere moonshine to

suggest that "Britain is
endeavouring to keep China in
what the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen
used to call a semi-colony state.
Britain is only too anxious to see
China put on her feet, and if the
Nationalist Government, by a re-
cord of steady, good rule, as we
say, can prove that it is the
stable, permanent government
the country requires, we have no
doubt it will certainly receive re-
cognition as such. Meanwhile,
looking to the disturbed state of
China, the presence of avowed
enemies of Britain in the country
for the undisguised purpose of
making mischief, and the uncer-
tain military and political outlook,
not to mention, too, the lesson of
recent events at Hankow, Britain
can hardly be blamed for taking
precautions for protecting the lives
and interests of her nationals,
which have been openly menaced
in one part of the country, and
might as easily be menaced in
another part. That is the posi-
tion to-day in a nutshell.

Moscow's Meddling.

This is not the first occasion
upon which we have discussed
Moscow's interference with ex-
ternal matters, and so long as her
mischief-making continues, it
certainly will not be the last.
Surely the time has come when
some concerted action should be
taken by the Powers concerned?
America, quite wisely most people
think, has steadfastly refused to
recognise the Soviet. The British
Labour Premier, however, has
lost no time in offering a welcome
hand to Moscow by concluding a
one-sided Trade Agreement with-
in a few weeks of assuming office.
It seems to us that not only Brit-
ain, but all the European Powers
have tolerated Russian interfer-
ence with external matters quite
long enough. As far as the Brit-
ish Empire is concerned, the
mischievous machinations of
Moscow are to be found in India,
Egypt and South Africa, to say
nothing of the Mother Country
itself. As regards other coun-
tries, France, Belgium and Ger-
many have been attacked, whilst
the Balkans have also been the
scene of a violent propaganda
campaign. Surely every sober-
minded man and woman, of what-
soever nationality, is entitled to
ask of his or her Government,
"Is nothing going to be done to
curb this menace?" If Soviet
Russia is going to be allowed to
foster and finance these occur-
rences, can that country really
expect any civilised country to
have anything to do with her?
There can, we think, be only
one way of dealing
with Soviet Russia,
that is to make her under-
stand quite clearly that if she con-

tinues to interfere in the affairs
of China, she does so at her own
risk. Bolshevism is a menace to
the peace of the world—a men-
ace far greater than any aggres-
sive attitude that Germany might
adopt towards France—and one
which should occupy the atten-
tion of the Powers with the least
possible delay.

KOWLOON TONG.

DISCUSSION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"MENACE TO HEALTH."

Mr. J. P. Braga's questions were
considered at the Sanitary Board
yesterday relative to the construc-
tion of a cesspool by Chinese
squatters in Kowloon Tong, the
desirability or otherwise of allow-
ing such settlers to remain there
and the need for measures to be
taken at Kowloon Tong with regard
to treatment of stagnant pools.
Mr. N. L. Smith, President, re-
plied as follows:
The permits upon which occupa-
tion of the land in question has
been permitted are for 12 months
terminable upon 2 months' notice.
The Sanitary Board was consulted
before these permits were granted
and neither the M.O.H. nor the
C.V.S. saw any objection to the
granting of the permits. The M.O.H.
was of opinion that dry-cultivation
on this area would be preferable
from the point of view of neigh-
bouring residents, to the land being
left in its natural state.

Abating a Nuisance.

The use of human excreta on
agricultural land has been fully
considered by the Board in the past
and in 1906 the Board adopted the
Report of a sub-committee appoint-
ed to consider this question, which
Report recommended that the prac-
tice should not be prohibited but
that nuisances occasioned "near
houses or highways should be dealt
with under Section 26 of the Ordi-
nance as they arose. The M.O.H.
is of opinion that the cess-pools
now in question are noisome within
the meaning of 26 (6) of the Ordi-
nance having consideration to
their position, and proposes to take
action, if the Board agree, to abate
this nuisance under the usual pro-
cedure of law.

If the prohibition of the use of
offensive manure as indicated above
were to make impossible the
agricultural activities of these per-
mittees, their removal to some more
distant site where there will be no
objection raised will presumably
follow automatically. Otherwise,
provided no nuisance arises such as
would normally be abated in pro-
ximity to residential areas it does
not appear necessary, unless the
Board shall decide otherwise, for a
request to be made to the Govern-
ment for the removal of these
permittees.

Water Samples.

On the question of water samples
which Mr. Braga suggested should
be taken from stagnant pools on
Crown land in this neighbourhood,
the M.O.H. replied that he did not
consider it necessary to take more
samples at present. He was fully
satisfied that all Kowloon pools
which might be regarded as poten-
tial breeding places for mosquito
larvae were being visited under the
supervision of Officers of the
Department.

Mr. J. P. Braga thanked the Pre-
sident for the very full answer
given to his questions and also Dr.
Pope who had visited the district
with him.
"I will maintain," said Mr. Braga,
"that the condition of the squatters'
settlement complained of by resi-
dents of Kowloon Tong is such as to
be a menace to the public health of
the district. I therefore give notice
of the following resolution at the
next meeting of the Board:

That in the opinion of this board
the close proximity of a squatters'
settlement to the new and growing
residential district of Kowloon Tong
is prejudicial to the public health,
and in the interests of the residents
of the district the permits granted
to the squatters should be revoked
as early a date as practicable.

Squatters Defended.
Mr. Wong Kwong-tin said he
thought that before anything was
done they should not look at the
matter only from the sanitary point
of view. A lot of the farmers were
poor and became British subjects
when Great Britain took over the
New Territories. As far as he re-
membered proclamations were is-
sued by the Government to that
time that the farmers would not be
interfered with in their livelihood.
The majority were farmers and
vegetable growers and, during the
crisis of the strike they helped the
Colony a good deal with their pro-
duce. He did not think it was a
good policy nor the policy of the
Government to turn these poor far-
mers out without suitable land be-
ing found for them.

The question required the careful
consideration of all concerned, not
only by the Sanitary Board but by
the Government.

Debate Next Meeting.

The President said Mr. Wong
Kong-tin was slightly out of order
because the debate would be taken
at the next meeting. There would
then be an opportunity for members
of the Board to express their views.
Dealing with another item on the
agenda the President said that the
days of house cleaning had, for the
present, been reduced from five to
four days a week. Owing to the
pressure of work on the Inspectors
this was the only way until more
Inspectors were obtained.
Those present at the meeting were
Mr. N. L. Smith, (President), Dr.
Pope (M. O. H.), Mr. J. P. Braga,
Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin,
and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND THE PUBLIC.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir.—Re Messrs. Hoo Sing v. The
Hong Kong Electric Company,
Limited.

In view of the publicity given to
the above proceedings, we are in-
structed by the Plaintiffs to supple-
ment your report by a statement as
to their position, and as to the rea-
sons which led them to commence
proceedings.

The meter was suddenly, and
without notice, removed from the
premises on the 26th February,
1926, and it was not until the 2nd
March, at an interview between
the Plaintiffs' Manager and a re-
presentative of the Company, that
the Company's reasons for the re-
moval were vouchsafed. The Com-
pany alleged that the meter had
been tampered with, with the result
that they had been defrauded, and
whilst the Plaintiffs consistently
denied any tampering.

The Plaintiffs realised that, as
the accused, they could hardly be
competent judges of the merits
of the Company's accusation. At
the same time the Plaintiffs also
felt strongly, that, as the accus-
ers, the Company should not
arrogate to themselves the func-
tions of a judge to pass judgment
on the Plaintiffs' alleged misdeeds.
The Plaintiffs contended throughout
that the merits should be adjudicated
upon by an impartial tribunal,
i.e. the Supreme Court.

The Plaintiffs were advised from
the beginning that, difficulties,
practically insuperable, existed in
their way of forcing an investiga-
tion into the merits by the Court
against the will of the Company;
there was in fact no express con-
tract between the parties and to in-
duce the Court to imply a contract
from the circumstances, and to
imply as one of the terms of such
contract the condition that reason-
able notice had to be given (as
stipulated in the contract) to justify
their sudden termination of the con-
tract without notice, and thus to
"let in" the merits, was practically
impossible; to succeed on the ques-
tion of libel, the Plaintiffs would
have to prove express malice as
soon as the Court held that the
letter, the subject of the libel, was
a privileged communication, and, in
the absence of such evidence, the
merits, again, could not be gone into
by the Court.

In July 1926 the Company,
through their Solicitors, wrote to
the Plaintiffs, demanding the sum
of \$209.92, "being the price for
current consumed by you from
March 1925, to February 1926,
after allowing for the payments
already made by you." We are
instructed to inform you that un-
less this amount is paid, to our
clients, or to us on their behalf,
within the course of this week, legal
proceedings will be taken against
you for the recovery thereof without
further notice.

The Plaintiffs gave a cordial and
pressing invitation to the Company
to commence their threatened pro-
ceedings, hoping thereby that "the
matter would be thrashed out in
Court," but nothing more came of
this threat.

On August 7th we wrote to the
Company's Solicitors as follows:

"With reference to our letter
to you of the 23rd ult., and to
our subsequent conversations
with you on the telephone, when
on the first occasion you inform-
ed us that you would take your
clients' instructions as to com-
mencing proceedings, and on the
second occasion you informed us
that you had no instructions to
proceed; we are instructed to ex-
press our clients' keen regret and
disappointment at the attitude
your clients have taken up in this
matter.

"You must appreciate that
there are various difficulties in
our clients' way as to commencing
proceedings. Your clients are a
public utility Company. They
make a grave allegation against
our clients, and our clients re-
pudiate the accusation, and are
only too anxious that the matter
should be thrashed out in Court.
If your clients do not intend to
proceed in the face of their letter
of the 20th ult., although invited
and pressed by our clients to do
so in order to enable our clients
to clear themselves, we are at a
loss to understand why your letter
was written at all, unless it was
written in the nature of a bluff.
We repeat therefore our clients'
invitation to you to commence
proceedings."

No answer was given to this
letter.

In these circumstances the Plain-
tiffs felt that they had no alterna-
tive but to commence proceedings,
however remote might be their
chance of success.

From a demonstration given in
Court it was shown how easy it
would be to tamper with the meter,
but in view of the course which
the case took—which was of course
not anticipated by the Plaintiffs
—there was no necessity for the
Company to give evidence at all that
the meter was in fact tampered
with. The merits therefore were
not before the Chief Justice, and
there was no adjudication on them
by His Lordship. Had it been
necessary to go into the merits, the
Plaintiffs felt that, in spite of the
case for tampering which the Com-
pany could put up, they could ad-
vance, what in their view are
cogent reasons for showing that
there was in fact no tampering
with the meter, or with their knowl-
edge or priority.

The interesting point from the
view of the general public, which

GOOD MUSIC.

Yesterday's Delightful Recital.

TREAT AT THE CITY HALL.

The music-loving public of the
Colony are certainly indebted to
Mr. Harry Ore for the very de-
lightful recital given at the City
Hall yesterday afternoon.

The hall was almost completely
filled, the distinguished audience
including Lady Clementi, Sir
Joseph and Lady Kemp, and
many other prominent residents.
Mr. Ore, who bore the major
portion of the entertainment on
his able shoulders, also accom-
panied three artists who made a
welcome addition to the recital
proper.

Mr. Li Chor-chi is a baritone
of no mean merit. Perhaps a
little nervous at first, but never-
theless well at ease with himself,
his songs and his audience as
soon as he felt his way.

Mr. Li, who sang in French,
has, I understand, spent many
years in Saigon, and speaks the
language fluently—obviously a
great advantage to anyone at-
tempting such numbers as Gluck's
"J'ai perdu mon Eurydice," and
Weber's "Strophes de les Filles
des Eaux." Mr. Li is a singer
of whom I, and I think most
people present yesterday after-
noon, would like to hear more.

Mrs. R. Sanger has a pleasant
soprano voice with perfect elocu-
tion, and the encore which the
enthusiastic audience demanded,
was unquestionably well-earned,
although the present writer pre-
ferred the singer in her English
numbers. What more delight-
ful than Paladine's sonnet
"Psyche," sung with ease by an
artist who puts her whole being
into her work.

A New Violinist.

Perhaps the piece de resistance
of the programme, apart from
Mr. Ore's interpretation of
Schumann's "Symphonic Stud-
ies," was Mr. C. de la Cruz's
rendering of Wieniawsky's
fantasy on Gounod's "Faust."
This was Mr. de la Cruz's first
appearance in the Colony and the
almost boisterous reception that
he was accorded at the
conclusion of his first num-
ber indicated that as far
as his audience was concern-
ed, he has certainly come to
stay. Wieniawsky's fantasy has
been described as a masterpiece
of technique. It was certainly
handled in a masterly manner by
the young artist who made his
debut before the Hong Kong
public yesterday afternoon, for
Mr. de la Cruz handled his in-
strument with the skill of a great
artist.

Needless to say, the audience
clamoured for more. Returning
to the platform amid prolonged
applause, the violinist offered
Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois"—a
number calling for the utmost
power of memorisation. Unfor-
tunately, time would not permit
a second encore.

Mr. Ore's Contribution.
As already stated, Mr. Harry
Ore contributed the major por-
tion of the work, revealing him-
self once again as a pianist of
considerable merit.

Very wisely, Mr. Ore selected
a programme which gave him
every opportunity for demon-
strating his ability and perfect
mastery of his instrument. The
splendid "bass movement" of
his opening number "Gavotte
Variee" (Rameau) Beethoven's
"Bagatelle" and Mozart's
"Turkish March," with which
trio he opened the programme,
put him on thoroughly good
terms with his audience.

Naturally Scriabin's "Nocturne
for the Left Hand" received a
great reception—as, indeed, is al-
ways done when rendered by an
artist of Mr. Ore's calibre, but
perhaps Mr. Ore was in his hap-
piest mood when passing from
one to another of Schumann's six
symphonic studies.

A delightful ninety minutes
this, leaving one the wish that
with our much boosted artistic
and music-loving community,
artists such as those who enter-
tained us yesterday cannot be per-
suaded to come forward more
often.

emerges from the case is this:—that
the Company claimed, and it was
held that, as a matter of law, they
were entitled to claim that (in the
absence of any express contract to
the contrary), they had absolutely
unfettered powers as to cutting off
the supply of any customer without
notice. This is entirely contrary to
the rights of consumers in England,
who, by Statute, are entitled to a
supply from a monopolistic concern
of electricity on complying with rea-
sonable conditions. It is for the
Hong Kong Legislature to say what
the people living in the Colony
should be at the mercy of the "plea-
sure" or "caprice" of the Company
—Yours, etc.

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Hong Kong, January 25, 1927.

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Volunteer Headquarters, where the gathering took place, presented an appropriately cosy appearance, the hall being draped in the national colours with the picture of Burns by Mr. George Duncan occupying the place of honour above the Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society (Mr. R. M. Dyer) who presided.

At the foot of the hall a pleasingly executed representation of the kitchen of a Scottish home, complete even to the canine companions, added a touch of homeliness. Mr. George Duncan directed the scheme of decoration.

All the ingredients of a typical Scotch scene were in evidence, down to the heather and the blue-bells, sent from home by Mr. David Keith.

The Company numbered over a hundred. In addition to the Chieftain, there were present:

His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding the Forces in China (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B.), his A.D.C. (Lieut. Johnson), Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., his Secretary (Paymaster-Commander Rogers), Capt. C. H. Steele (A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor), Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., (Administrative Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps), and Mr. G. M. Young, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Dr. Black (all past presidents of St. Andrew's Society), Mr. P. Tod, and Mr. R. O. Sutherland (Secretaries), and other officials and members of the Committee.

"The Immortal Memory."

In proposing "The Immortal Memory" of Robert Burns, the Chairman said:—It is with mingled feelings that I address you to-night. Years have passed since we first gathered together to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our own poet. Some of you were here then, the rest are younger members of our race whom we welcome, but there are others—I would not have you forget them on this eve of memories. May we achieve as much in our short day.

It is a matter of 170 years to-day in the County of Ayr that "a blast of Janwar win" blew hansom in on Robin. Like many who have achieved greatness, his future life was very much influenced by his early environment. His father, a silent, austere, elderly man who had been suspected of being out in the "forty-five" with Prince Charlie, left the Kingdom of Life for his peace of mind and settled in Ayr, where he married, and his family were born. The simple piety and faith in his Maker which this early influence of a Covenanting father had on the poet's life, and works, are borne out in his version of the Nineteenth Psalm, a favourite in the Burns household.

"O Thou the first, the greatest friend"

Of all the human race. Whose strong right hand has ever been

Their stay and dwelling place."

Early Days.

It is recorded that the first two books he read in private were the "Life of Hannibal" and the "History of Sir William Wallace." Hannibal gave his young ideas such a turn that he used to strut in raptures after the recruiting drum and baggage and wish himself tall enough to be a soldier—while the story of Wallace poured a Scottish prejudice into his veins which boiled there, till the flood-gates of life shut in eternal rest.

In this mood of mind, Burns was unconsciously approaching the land of poetry, and one of his earliest efforts in the strain of piety and imagination was when he wrote the lines:—

"Oh Man while in thy early years"

How prodigal of time, Mis-spending all thy precious hours,

Thy glorious youthful prime."

On the death of his father under somewhat unhappy circumstances the poet's melancholy increased and in addition he had the added responsibility of being the head of his house. He took the farm of Mossgiel and endeavoured to settle down to his farm, but it was not decreed that he was to be a great agriculturist in the West.

His Dreams As Farmer.

Attention, as the proverb says, is a good farmer all the world

over and Burns was such by fits and starts. But he who writes an ode on the sheep he is about to shear, a poem on the flower he covers with his furrow, who sees visions on his way to market, who makes rhymes on the horse he is about to yoke, and a song on the girl who shows the whitest hands among his reapers, has small chance of leading a market or of being laird of the fields he rents.

The dreams of Burns were of the Muse and not of rising markets—of golden locks rather than of yellow corn. Having sung of the Maidens of Kyle in Strains not likely soon to die, the mind of Burns now took a wider range. He desired to try his genius on matters of a sterner kind, something better than a ballad to his mistress's eyebrow.

New Light Apostle.

As an apostle of the New Light and an opponent of the terrible doctrine of predestination he wrote "Holy Willie's Prayer"—a satire. Daring, personal and profane Willie claims praise in the singular, acknowledges folly in the plural and makes Heaven accountable for his sins.

"Yet here I am a chosen sample"

To show thy grace is great and ample"

I'm a pillow o' Thy temple,

Strong as a rock,

A Guide, a buckler and example."

To a' thy flock.

Having wearied of this Calvinistic controversy, he resolved to shake his thirst at the pure well springs of patriotic feeling and domestic love, to rise out of the lower regions of lampoon into the pure air of poetry. His poems became records of his own emotions and experiences. They exhibit the pure patriotic sentiment and a deep sympathy with the fortunes here and hereafter of his fellowmen.

The surprise created by his Kilmarnock edition to the Lowlands of Scotland was like a summer sun rising on a winter morning. The old and young sang his songs and repeated his poems; even the devout rejoiced that idle verse had at last mixed a note of morality with its mirth. A Cameronian divine said: "Keep it out of the way of your children, lest ye find them as I found mine, reading it on the Sabbath."

His Rise to Fame.

He was persuaded by the kindness of friends to discontinue his journey to Jamaica after he had written on his way to Greenock that fine lyric beginning "The gloomy night is gathering fast" and settled in Edinburgh where he felt neither eclipsed by the learned nor struck dumb before the titled and the eloquent, but took his station with the ease and grace of one born to it. He seemed to say to all "I am a man, and you are no more, and why should I not act and speak like one."

During his Border and Northern tours he saw many sights and wrote many verses, in most cases being hospitably received and occasionally otherwise. On visiting the famous Carron Iron works in Stirlingshire and being refused admission—it being a Sunday—he wrote the following with his diamond pin on the window of the inn.

"We cam na here to view your works."

In hopes to be mair wise,

But only lest we gang the hell, It may be nae surprise,

Lines which after, I believe, in the kindness of his heart he obliterated.

The frosty civility he received during his second winter in Edinburgh made him think seriously of resuming the plough, and advised by friends he selected Ellisland, a beautiful spot fit alike for the steps of a ploughman, or a poet, but after three years of this he retired to Dumfries shortly to die.

Love of Liberty.

Gentlemen, in my halting words I have endeavoured to emphasise the spirit of religion, independence, and patriotism which permeates his life and works. It is true that he spoke of Premiers and Peers with contempt, that he refused to drink the health of Pitt, saying that he preferred that of Washington, that he wrote bitter words about combinations of princes, and that all the high places of the land, instead of being filled by genius and talent, were occupied, as were the high places of Israel with idols of wood and stone. But all this and more has and had been done by thousands in our land whose love of their country was never questioned.

Burns's love of his country is written in too many undying lines to admit of any doubt, it is a love which may be laid up in every man's heart and practised in every man's life. The following words are homely but particularly expressive and may be well applied to the present day.

"The kettle of the Kirk and State"

Perhaps a clout may fall ynt But deli a foreign tinkler loon Shall ever ca' a nail ynt Be Britons still to Britons true, Among ourselves united, For never but by British hands Shall British wrongs be righted."

Gentlemen, might I most respectfully ask you to rise to your feet and join with me in a silent toast to The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. (Applause).

The Lassies.

After the toast of the evening had been honoured, Mr. Donald Logan proposed that of "The Lassies." He said:—Mr. Chieftain and Gentlemen, it is my honour this evening to propose the toast of the "Lassies." You will observe that I have not stated that I have omitted this, however, I am not to be construed as meaning that I am either displeased with the task, or with the subject. Quite the contrary! It is only that I cannot conscientiously include the making of speeches or "proposing of toasts, in a description of the word "pleasure." However, in the beginning, I rather jumped at the opportunity of proposing the toast, and it was only when people started questioning me as to what I was going to say, that I fully realised its importance, and how very difficult it was. Not that I was without offers of assistance. Oh no, there was plenty of gratuitous advice, all incidentally from married men, and all incidentally, widely diverse (laughter).

My bachelor friends, be it noted, kept strangely quiet, whether from natural coyness or a desire to appear profound, I know not. But from the Benedicts—well—I learnt about women from them! Which reminds me to inquire how it is that a Lohario (supposedly a ray of courage) is always called upon for this toast. Surely some married man ought to do it; one who can speak really feelingly about the subject one who has gone "through the mill" as it were! But no married man ever does! I wonder why? (Laughter). Perhaps it is that none can find words eloquent enough. On the other hand, well, I wonder!

The "Darlings."

Or is it that too many of them are in agreement with the Greek poet who has told us that—"Two happy days a man may prize the day he weds his wife the day she dies." In any case they should know more of the subject than the bachelors, but perhaps the reason why the latter have to perform the duty is because they come fresh to the task, full of enthusiasm, innocence—and illusions! Full of all the pretty and delightful things it is possible to say of the darlings. For my part I'm all for 'em and would like to sing paeans of praise to them. As one very profound thinker—I forget his name—said: "Where would the world be without women?" Equally profound was the answer: "Where indeed?"

Gentlemen, have you ever paused to consider (without reference of course to biological considerations) what our world would be like if peopled entirely by men? No comforts of a home, no beauty, no love. No softening, no gentle influence in lives. Where else does that quiet understanding that makes a man believe in the man, the light, like the dog, to bark and fight and bark he would if left to his own resources, and a grim, cold, fortress, loveless existence it would prove. Strong, soulless, silent men have, I know, succeeded in this world, but their success in the hearts of men, is negligible. Real understanding, borne from the love of women, is the quality that endears itself to all of us, and the fountain head of that quality, is woman.

A Woman's Power.

In this wonderful world of ours, we men are born of them, weened by them, fondled by them, taught by them, comforted by them, and by them cheered all our lives. They raise us to the seventh heaven of delight, and plunge us anon into the depths of gloom. That a man should not fall victim to their charms is a mystery to me, I confess, and I feel very much in sympathy with the poet whose remembrance we are gathered here this evening to perpetuate and honour. Many people are still of the impression that Burns was a universal and inconstant lover, and point his poems as evident proof of his profligacy. As a matter of fact he wrote some two hundred and fifty love songs, and only three or four contain indelicate references; even these were not considered improper at the time he lived.

Notwithstanding the foolish, or malicious statements that Burns had many lovers, he was in fact a devoted husband, and lived as long as he did, his first bouts of cold, to wit, Nelly Kirkpatrick (when he was 16), and Peggy Thompson (when 17), made him a poet, so it may be truly said that the lassies were the main responsible for Burns's great honour, and our presence here this evening, Gentlemen. But these adolescent loves were not the love of Burns's maturity. The first three women whom Burns loved after the age of 21, were Alison Bogle, Jean Armour, and Mary Campbell. The first refused him; he married the second, and was forced into freedom by her father; the third accepted his offer of marriage, but died before they could be married. The fourth woman whom he loved (Clarinda), loved him but could not marry him—a fact recognised by both of them.

Scottish Humour. Perhaps the happiest touch of the evening was provided by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald in the course of an entertaining speech on Scottish humour interspersed with examples typical of his subject which tickled the audience immensely.

The idea that Scottish humour was a non-existent thing had, he thought, been encouraged by the serious manner in which Scotsmen had taken the charge, even writing books to refute it. Was it not possible, he asked, that a different standard of hum-

No Fickle Lover.

In support of the contention that Burns was in no sense a fickle lover, we must remember that he loved Mary Campbell not only till she died, but to the end of his life. The fact that he sat out in the stackyard on Ellisland Farm through the long moonlight night with tears flowing down his cheeks on the third anniversary of her death, and wrote "To Mary in Heaven" proves the depth and permanency of his love.

But I digress somewhat. It is my duty to speak of the lassies—not of Burns. Gentlemen, there is little in praise of them which each of you has not already anticipated. I know you all equally with myself respect them, and love them too, perhaps, or one of them. As for understanding them, I am reminded of a particularly notorious and successful lady killer of advanced years who, when asked to say what he knew of the lassies remarked:—"Nothing—absolutely nothing. But by Gad I love 'em!" (Laughter and applause). So gentlemen, I ask you to drink heartily to the Lassies. Bless them! May we all find favour in their eyes, and continue to treat and guard them with that respect, love and deference, which is the hall mark of the British gentleman. The Lassies, the pride of our bosom, the joys of our lives. (Applause).

Reply for the Lassies.

Replying to the Toast of the Lassies, Mr. C. M. McDonald said: Chieftain, gentlemen.—The task I have been entrusted with this evening I can only describe as being perilous in the extreme. The man who gives the Toast of the Lassies—especially when he gives it with the grace and gallantry of Mr. Logan—will find himself, not merely safe, as to life and limb, but exalted above his kind. On the other hand the man who presumes to reply for the Lassies—pause, I ask you, to consider his plight. Most men find it requires all their courage merely to ask a Lass a simple question, and having received "yes" for answer, discover they are rarely able to raise their voices again. When hardened married men such as we have here to-night tremble to speak for one Lass, how shall a timid bachelor presume to speak for a whole kingdom of Lassies? How shall he dare to reply for a race that has produced, in the castle, Catherine Douglas, in the close, Jeannie Geddes?—a race famous still to-day for independence of mind, and the weight of a strong right arm! Yet since I find myself in the dangerous position of having to offer a reply for the Lassies, let me at least take hope from one fact—the occasion on which I speak is to honour the memory of a Scot whose name alone has been, and still is, a charm to melt the heart, especially the heart of a Lass. Burns, who won so many hearts when he was alive, has captured all hearts since, chiefly through his love lyrics. The very first poem he ever wrote, when he was yet only fifteen years old, was to a "bonnie, sweet, songie lass," about his own age, who sang as she worked beside him in the field. This poem was but the forerunner—as Mr. Logan has told you—of a great many love lyrics, including some of the most exquisitely beautiful in the language. With Burns's name was poetry. He breathes the word Jean and—

Oh how that name my style inspires!

The words come skepin rank and file

Amidst before I ken.

But Jean is only one of the Lassies of the poet. There are also Nell, Peggy, Mary, Nannie, Eliza, Marie, Monie, Anne, Effie, Phemy, Choris, Bell, Nancy, Phyllis and Chloe. These are the Lassies, real and imagined, whom Burns has made immortal. How can anyone—anyone save a Burns—hope to make a fitting reply to a toast that includes the Nells and Peggys and Marys of the poet, the Nells and Peggys and Marys of to-day? Nor is that all. You may forget, but I, as the speaker, dare not forget, the Lassies who will permit no mere man to speak for them. Thus even though I am able this evening to invoke the magic name of Burns to placate the Lassies for daring so much as to rise to speak for them, I think, after all, dis- (Laughter and applause).

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our enabled a Scotsman to see a joke where an Englishman could not and vice versa? Referring to Sidney Smith's assertion that it took a surgical operation to get a joke into a Scotsman's head, Mr. Macdonald said that with all his linguistic "peculiarities" the Scotsman never misplaced the letter "h"—as in "am and heggys."

Even in Scotland itself there were linguistic barriers to the full appreciation of each other's humour. People in the North had greater difficulty in appreciating the humour of Burns than had those living in his native haunts. The reception of many other of the speaker's stories was proof, if proof were needed, of the fallacy that "the first Scotsman ever born looked around him and saw a gloomy sky and a sair world, and never smiled again, nor his descendants."

The concluding story referred to a Scottish chorister's dream of his experiences in heaven. Having taken his hearers in to such exalted spheres, said Mr. Macdonald, in resuming his seat, he was content to leave them there. The gentleman on his right, he added amid much laughter and loud applause, suggested that it was their only chance.

Entertainment.

Contributors to the musical programme included Mr. George McLeod, Mr. Blakely, Mr. J. Chapman and Mr. K. McNaughton ("Empress of Russia").

Mr. R. O. Sutherland gave the Highland Fling and Mr. D. Templeton a recitation.

The accompanists for the evening were Messrs. George Grimble, J. B. Milne and W. Kay.

The Haggis was piped in by Pipe Major P. D. Wilson and borne aloft by Mr. B. Wylie whilst the Barley Bree was carried by Mr. Blakely.

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News from Paris states that the Soviet Government has bought two guillotines.

Advices from Budapest state that the Regent (Admiral Horthy) has pardoned 77 political and other prisoners.

The Norwegian Parliament has adopted the Bill providing that foreigners coming to Norway to work must obtain the Government's permission before arrival.

Among 37 instrumentalists from the Royal Marines Band, which accompanies the Duke and Duchess of York on the "Renown" are 11 expert jazz players.

A message from Rome states that under the recent security laws, the Civil Court has transferred the papers in connection with the trial of Violet Gibson and Zamboni to the Military Court.

Three coolie ships have arrived at Singapore from China, and each has reported a birth among the immigrants during the voyage. The total number of immigrants brought by these ships, the "Darviken," "Norviken" and "Hong Peng," was about 4,000.

A correspondent who has arrived from Kelantan informs the "Straits Times" that during the recent floods a bungalow kitchen and compound belonging to the Austral Malay Rubber Co. at Pasir Besar, slipped into the river leaving nothing to indicate where the property once stood.

The Fiat car and the diamond bracelet in St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar are to be sold by public auction. The motor-car is to be auctioned at Messrs. Lammert Bros. sales room tomorrow at 3 p.m. The proceeds of the sale are to be divided among the Tung Wah Hospital (40 per cent.), the M.C.L. (40 per cent.), the Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon City (10 per cent.), and the Kowloon City Blind Home (10 per cent.).

Reminder: annual prize giving at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Reminder: annual meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, in Queen's College hall, at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Tuesday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was confined to two Chinese cases of diphtheria, one from the city and the other from Shaokwan.

Mr. Li Hoi-tung is the chairman of this year's board of directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, with Mr. San Sing-sam and Mr. Ng Yu-hon as vice-chairmen.

Mr. Tsao Yin-hsin, M.A., is assuming charge of the Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. Mr. Tsao returned from America, and Europe two weeks ago. He is a graduate of Yale University.

The Rhenish Mission Chinese Church, Bonham Road, is holding a bazaar on Friday and Saturday. Many tickets of admission have been sold and each ticket entitles the holder to a prize.

"Traviata" was presented by Signor A. Capi's Royal Italian opera company as their farewell to Hong Kong at the "Star" Theatre last night. The company sailed for Shanghai on the "Empress of Canada."

Owing to slight indisposition, Mr. R. E. Lindsell was unable to take his seat on the Bench at the Central Magistracy this morning. Major C. Wilton, T.D., O.B.E., dealt with a number of summonses against hawkers in the 1st Magistrate's Court.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent intimates that, according to official figures, the vintage yield in France is considerably lower for 1926 than the previous year. The total production of wine, excluding that from Alsace and Lorraine is estimated at 40,564,101 hectolitres, compared with 62,411,680 hectolitres in 1925. [A hectolitre is equivalent to 22 gallons.]

The drought has broken all over Queensland and the crops are growing wonderfully.

A small fire broke out in the American Club, Shanghai, at about eight o'clock on the morning of Jan. 15, and was easily put out before any material damage was done.

It was stated at a Bradford inquest on Edith Button, aged 16, a mill worker, who jumped from Thornton Viaduct, Bradford, 90-ft. down, that she left a note saying that her reason for suicide was that a girl friend would not forgive her for telling a lie.

*** THEOSOPHY ***

"The Work of the Theosophical Society in the World" will be the subject of the week's Public Lecture at the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, January 27th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer: Mr. N. S. Rama Rao, M.A. (Canada). The public are cordially invited to attend. Good Library. Theosophical Literature for sale. Inquiries Monday, Friday, Saturday from 6.30 p.m. Other days and Sunday before and after meetings.

An interesting part of H.M.S. "Renown's" decorations are the trophies which formerly belonged to H.M.S. "Commonwealth." These have been preserved by the Admiralty since the "Commonwealth" was removed from the Navy list, and they were lent to the "Renown" for the trip in order that the Australian people may have a chance of seeing them. A considerable portion of the trophies were subscribed for by the Australian public through Sir Josiah Symonds's committee, on whose behalf Lady Northcote made the presentation on the "Commonwealth's" quarter-deck after the Coronation naval review in 1911. Part of the presentation consisted of a silver centre-piece for the wardroom table. This, it is understood, is being used for the Royal dinner-table on the "Renown."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. F. Soutar of Taikoo Dock has gone on leave with Mrs. Soutar, sailing last night on the "Empress of Canada."

The Hon. J. Gabaldon is one of the passengers on the "Empress of Canada" from Manila, sailing from Hong Kong last night for America.

Mr. H. G. Allen and Mr. R. D. Gillespie (with Mrs. Gillespie) of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., Ltd., were passengers on the outgoing "Empress of Canada" for Shanghai.

Major C. T. M. Smith, Captain M. G. O'Leary, Captain J. M. Hunt and a number of Indian officers sailed on the "Empress of Canada" last night, with the rest of their regiment, the 5th/2nd Punjab, for Shanghai.

Mr. Stephen Peabody and Mr. George Peabody of the Texas Oil Company were passengers on the "Empress of Canada" when she left Hong Kong last night. They came from Southampton and are going on to New York.

Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, who is General Staff Officer 3rd grade on Major-General C. C. Luard's staff (China Command) sailed on the "Empress of Canada" last night, with the 5th/2nd Punjab, for Shanghai.

Mr. Lee Chou-ham, a well known Chinese merchant who is now in General Li Fook-lam's army (the 5th Nationalist Army) at Canton, was a passenger for Shanghai on the "Empress of Canada" which she sailed from Hong Kong last night.

Mr. C. W. Hsu, who has charge of Prates wireless and meteorological station (to the south-east of Hong Kong), and his brother, Admiral C. C. Hsu of the Chinese Navy, were passengers on the "Empress of Canada" which sailed from Hong Kong last night for Shanghai.

Among the passengers on the North-bound "Empress of Canada" when she left last night were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. T. Davis, Captain and Mrs. E. W. Cowan, Captain and Mrs. A. J. Holland, Lt. C. V. King, Count Antonio Melan, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wong, Mr. C. David, Mrs. M. Gandhi and Mr. E. G. Payne.

The death is announced of the Dowager Lady Michelham.

The Bishop of Labuan and Sarawak is going home on leave early in March.

Diamond, wife of Captain Abercromby and daughter of Lord Hardinge of Penhurst, is dead.

Mr. H. D. Sharpin, manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Singapore, sailed for home by the "Malwa," with Mrs. Sharpin. Mr. O. J. Barnes, who was until recently in Calcutta, has taken over the acting management of the Bank in Singapore.

Mr. D. B. McLay, Municipal Engineer, Singapore, who recently returned from leave accompanied by Mrs. McLay, attended the fifth International Road Congress held in Milan and Rome last September. Mr. McLay also visited a number of English and Scottish towns to inspect municipal work.

Among the passengers due at Singapore by the "Kintaro Maru" from London is Mr. F. A. Macquisten, K.C., M.P. Mr. Macquisten represented the Spring-horn division of Glasgow from 1918 to 1922 and has been the member for Argyllshire since 1924. He is accompanied by Mrs. Macquisten and Miss C. M. Macquisten.

Straits papers record the death at Tanjong Katong of Mr. T. C. Loveridge, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mr. Loveridge was one of those residents whose connection with the Settlement dates back many years—well over fifty it is believed—and his death removes another of that small band whose recollections go back to the pioneer days.

The Rev. George G. Warren, in many respects one of the most fascinating personalities among the missionaries in China, died in Changsha on Jan. 16. In the unsettled state of affairs in Changsha, his friends, many of them Chinese, dared not arrange for the funeral to which a man of his prominence in a Chinese community would ordinarily be entitled, and he was buried in a corner of the garden of his own house.

The late Sir Adolf Tuck, of the famous Christmas card firm, London, left an estate valued at £321,638.

Prince Henry, who has been staying with the Duke of Connaught at Cap Ferrat to recuperate after his recent operation, has arrived at Buckingham Palace looking considerably better of the change.

The Earl of Home was elected an honorary member at a meeting of the Master Court of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow. A luncheon was subsequently held in the Trades Hall, Deacon John Allan presiding, supported by the Earl of Home, Lord Provost Mason, and Deacon-Convenor Dallas.

The eldest daughter of the gallant Field-Marshal Earl Haig, Lady Alexandra, is one of the young Border ladies who is popular at house parties on account of her vivacious manner and clever playing of the ukulele. She has Madonna-like features and wears her dark unshingled hair closely drawn over each ear. Her sister, Lady Victoria, has not been much about in society yet, and this will be her first big winter.

The following deaths are reported:—The Rev. Charles James Smith, the first headmaster of Latimer Upper School, Hammer-smith, W., a post which he held from 1894 to 1921, at 59, Barrow-gate Road, Chiswick, W., aged 73; Mr. C. W. Newlands, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Newlands and Newlands, solicitors, Jarrold, South Shields, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, aged 71; Mr. C. E. Cadie, for 19 years coroner in Easington ward, County Durham, and a solicitor for more than 50 years, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, aged 78; Mr. James F. Moseley, chairman of Messrs. David Moseley and Sons Ltd., india-rubber manufacturers, of Manchester, at his home, Darlands Hall, Rossett, Denbighshire, aged 63; Sir Frank Forbes Adam, chairman of the Manchester and City Bank and for 25 years on the council of the Manchester University, formerly president of the Bank of Bombay and a member of the Legislative Council of India, at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, E.C., aged 80.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH CUP, FIRST ROUND.

AN AWAY VICTORY.

London, Jan. 25.
In the first round proper of the Scottish Football Cup, the following match was played today—
Nithsdale v. Arthurlie 2-1—Reuter.
This match should have been played last Saturday but was postponed.

GOLF MATCH.

CAMBRIDGE v. OXFORD AT FANLING.

Members of the local Oxford and Cambridge Societies met in a golf match at Fanling on Sunday. Cam-

MACAO RACES.

Inaugural Meeting Postponed Till Feb. 19.

The two-day inaugural race meeting of the International Race Club of Macao is to have been held during the Chinese New Year holidays, but has been postponed till Feb. 19 and 20 as the course is not expected to be ready till then.

Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have been permitted by their Stewards to participate in

bridge winning by 6 matches to 3. Teams were six-aside. Cambridge won both the singles (4-2) and the foursomes (2-1). Scores:—

SINGLES.

Cambridge.

T. De E. Pendered (1 up) 1
E. Davidson (1 up) 1
R. E. Lindell (4 & 2) 0
T. Syme Thomson (1 up) 0
The Hon. Mr. E. B. C. Wolfe (2 & 1) 1
E. W. Hamilton (2 up) 0

Oxford.

N. L. Smith 0
C. E. H. Neavis 0
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax 0
A. E. Wood (1 up) 1
D. W. Tratman 0
G. R. Sayer (2 up) 1

FOURSOMES.

Cambridge.

Pendered & Davidson 6 & 4
Syme Thomson & Wolfe 4 & 3
Lindell & Hamilton 1 & 0

Oxford.

Smith & Neavis 0
Tratman & Hallifax 0
Wood & Sayer (3 & 1) 1

Total: Cambridge (4 and 2) 6 matches, Oxford (2 and 1) 3 matches.

SOCCER VISIT.

SHANGHAI CHINESE COMING DOWN.

From Shanghai, a Chinese football team representative of East China is coming to Hong Kong by the "President Harrison" on Jan. 30 to play in a series of matches here. The team to represent Southern China will be selected by the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association (probably from the South China A.A. and Chinese Athletic). Tentative fixtures, all kick-off at 4 p.m. on the Club ground, are:—
Feb. 3: Southern China v. Eastern China (in the nature of a Chinese Inter-club match).
Feb. 10: Southern China v. Eastern China (in the nature of a Chinese Inter-club match).
Feb. 12: China v. Interport XI of Hong Kong.

CHINESE BALL IN MANILA.

Manila, Jan. 14.
A Chinese ball on February 17 and a Chinese exhibit from China will be one of the attractions at the 1927 carnival. A special committee composed of Deo Hong-lue, chairman, John E. Goo and Say Koe-chuan, has charge of the Chinese participation. Chinese classical dances will feature the ball.
The Chinese consulate has sent letters to Chinese Chambers of Commerce in Peking, Shanghai, Canton and Amoy requesting them to send exhibits of industrial and agricultural products, and specimens or art.—"China Press."

THE RED FLAG.

SUNG AT HOME RUGGER INTERNATIONAL.

NOTES AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, Jan. 15.

The Twickenham ground was overwhelmed to-day and it is estimated that 50,000 spectators saw the international rugby match between England and Wales (won by England, as cabled by Reuter).

There were about 15,000 Welsh supporters present who insisted on rendering Welsh tunes.

A contingent of 200 pipers from the South Wales coalfield introduced a new note by singing the Red Flag.

Vain efforts were made to clamber up the goal posts with the object of affixing leeks to the top.

That Number 13, a very strenuous character it was played in a good tempered and clean spirit.

There were two accidents. Laird, the young Harlequin, stood off half, being injured in the face, while D. Jones fractured a bone in his shoulder.

Corbett, numbered 13, opened the scoring for England, and it was observed that 13 was missing from the numbers of the Welsh players.

LADIES' GOLF.

RESULTS OF FANLING COMPETITIONS.

The bogey competition in the Ladies' Section Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, for a prize presented by Mr. W. W. Horne, was played over the new course at Fanling yesterday and won by Mrs. C. Bernard Brown (handicap 18), who returned a card 5 up on bogey. Other scores were:—
Mrs. Annett (24) 3 up; Mrs. A. H. Ferguson (20), all square; Mrs. Parslow (20) 1 down; Mrs. Cameron (15), 1 down; Mrs. Sutherland (24) 2 down; Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith (15), 2 down.

There were 35 entries.
A prize has been presented by Mrs. Mainland for a competition on the new course at Fanling under match play conditions. 3/4 difference of handicap. The entrance fee is 50 cents on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Entries close on January 31 and can be given in at the club houses or sent to Mrs. Murdoch, No. 192, The Peak.

The Railway Cup which has been played for during the past month over the old course at Fanling has been won by Mrs. Allan Cameron (18), the runner-up being Mrs. A. H. Ferguson (29).

CLUB RESULTS.

London, Jan. 15.

There were several interesting inter-club rugby matches to-day, one of the most noteworthy being that between Rosslyn and Cambridge, in which the home side beat the University by 19 points to nil.

Birkenhead and Guy's Hospital had a very close match on the Birkenhead ground, the visitors just winning by the odd point in eleven.

Blackheath, visitors to the London Scottish ground, won by 14 points to nil.

Cardiff and Newport were successful against English sides. Newport came up to London and beat Richmond by 16 points to 8, while at Cardiff Bath were beaten 13-5.

THE LAST TEST.

London, Jan. 15.

The All Blacks and a representative side from the Rugby League met in the third and last Test at Leeds, England winning by 32 points to 17, thus setting the seal on their previous Test victories, at Wigan in October, when they won by 23-20, and at Hull in November, when the difference was 21-11.

Five of the All Blacks players have gone home.

TOUCH-KICK BY-LAW.

London, Jan. 15.

It is interesting to learn that an experiment is to be made with the proposed by-law which has for its object the disallowance of kicking into touch from between the two 25 yards lines.

The Rugby Union have authorized a limited number of games to be played in which the proposed rule will be seen in operation.

Bengal, the "crack" North China race, has arrived in Hong Kong for training for the Jockey Club's annual meeting. He was formerly owned by General Sutton and will race here in the colours of "Mr. Eve" (Sir Victor Sassoon).

CHINESE PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Staff Captain—Captain E. O. Hutchison (Seventh Hussars).
Services:—

O.C. of the R.A.S.C.—Lieut. Colonel D. C. Cameron.
A.D.M.S.—Colonel H. Ensor.
A.D.O.S.—Colonel C. M. Stephens.

Senior Veterinary Officer—Major L. Daniels.
Personal Appointments:—

A.D.C.—Lieutenant Knight (Eight Hussars).
A.D.C.—Captain Stopford (Royal Artillery).

Special appointments:—
Base Commandant Colonel—Colonel on Staff H. C. Martelli.
D.A.Q.M.G.—Major W. W. Wagstaff (Bedford and Hertford Regt.).

D.A.P.M.—Captain J. A. Jerbois (K.O.Y.L.I.).
Senior Chaplain—Rev. M. W. Shevell.

Attached R.A. Officer—Lieut. Colonel T. G. G. Heywood.
C.R.E.—Major E. A. H. James.

Thirteenth Infantry Brigade Commander—Colonel W. A. Blake.

Fourteenth Infantry Brigade Commander—Colonel Sir J. L. Burnett, of the Leys.

Twentieth Indian Infantry Brigade Commander—Colonel P. B. Sangster.—Reuter.

PUNJABIS SAIL.

Another 300 Men For Shanghai.
The remaining half of the 6th Batt., 2nd Punjab Regiment—about 300 strong—sailed for Shanghai at one o'clock this morning on the "Empress of Canada," the first half having already left on the "Glenogle."

Colonel V. Coates, the officer commanding, went with the first batch. Major C. T. M. Smith, second in command, is in charge of the detachment on the "Empress of Canada." Officers of the battalion who embarked last night included Captain J. M. Hunt and Captain M. G. O'Leary, M.B.E.

Yesterday the Hong Kong Mule Corps and units from Indian Army Service Corps were busy transporting kit and equipment to the Kowloon wharf, where the "Empress of Canada" lay.

One of the G.O.C.'s (Major-General C. C. Luard) staff in Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, also sailed for Shanghai with the Punjabis. He is General Staff Officer, 3rd grade, on the China Command.

THE TOPIC OF THE HOUR.
China and the King's Speech.

Rugby, Jan. 25.

On February 3 Parliament re-assembles and the Government departments concerned are engaged upon preparation of the King's speech. The most important subject to be dealt with in the speech, will be the Chinese situation.

In regard to the domestic political situation the speech is expected to promise legislation to amend the trade union law.

Most of the Ministers who have been abroad are now back in England, and on Wednesday the Prime Minister will preside over what will be practically a full Cabinet meeting.—British Wireless Service.

REPORT DENIED.

Dominions Not Sending Troops.

London, Jan. 25.

It is learned from a well-informed source that hitherto no offer has been made by the Australian or New Zealand Governments to send troops to China as suggested in a message from Peking.

In the absence of confirmation from Australia or New Zealand, and in view of the fact that both Mr. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, and Mr. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, are now on their way home, and such decisions could scarcely be taken in their absence, there is little disposition to credit such reports.—Reuter.

Dutch Battle Cruiser.

The Hague, Jan. 25.
The battle cruiser "Sumatra" en route to the Dutch East Indies left Honolulu on Jan. 18 for Yokohama, where she is due on Feb. 2. She will remain there till after the Emperor's funeral and then go to Shanghai.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Defence of Shanghai.

Rugby, Jan. 25.

Major-General John Duncan, who is to command the Shanghai Defence Force, leaves England for Shanghai to-day. The Force consists of one division, except

for the usual divisional artillery, which is not being sent, since infantry only is required for the duties which this force will undertake.

Pack artillery carried on mules will be conveyed for use at defence posts.

Part of the force embarks at the end of this week. Troops being despatched to China are to be employed in a purely protection capacity. This is a point which is consistently emphasised, and is of much importance. Their presence, it is believed, should have a pacific effect, and should prevent emergencies arising. They are sent solely to protect the lives and interests of British nationals.

The decision to take defensive measure for this purpose was announced by the Government, and has been firmly and openly put into effect. At the same time the British Government are pursuing resolutely a conciliatory policy towards China. Practical sympathy towards progressive developments in China was apparent in every line of the British Memorandum, and the initiative which that document displayed is now being pursued and developed by the British representatives in the conversations now proceeding.

The resumption of business by the British community at Hankow on Mr. O'Malley's advice is regarded by the "Times" as a development "ended to remove tension. The 'Times' considers, 'It provides evidence that Great Britain is following up her declaration to meet the Chinese in a friendly and conciliatory manner, and it should remove all possible source of friction in future negotiations.'—British Wireless Service.

India's Quota.
Calcutta, Jan. 25.
It is understood that a battalion of British troops will leave for China aboard the transport "Taktiwa" on Thursday, and two battalions of Indian troops aboard the "Sirdhana" on Sunday.—Reuter.

The remainder of the Punjab Regiment sailed for Shanghai by the "Empress of Canada" early this morning, the vessel leaving at 1 a.m. The men numbering some 280, boarded shortly after five o'clock yesterday evening.

French Approval.
The British policy of sending reinforcements to China to protect British lives and property against mob violence is supported by "Le Journal," which says that the despatch of additional troops is an essential precaution, particularly with regard to Shanghai, the "supreme position of which must be protected at all costs." It adds, "In this, we can only be in complete agreement with Britain. While it is important that the Powers should avoid any semblance of provocation, it is equally important to give the impression that they are determined to see their rights respected."—Reuter.

General Interviewed.
London, Jan. 25.
The commander of the Durham Light Infantry, stationed at Belfast, announces that 25 Royal Ulster riflemen and a similar number of Royal Irish Fusiliers have been called up for service in China, while the draft of the Durham Light Infantry is proceeding to China instead of India, as previously arranged.

In connection with yesterday's War Office announcement the newspapers point out that this is the first occasion in the history of the Brigade of Guards in which one of its units has been detailed for service East of Suez. The opinion is expressed that the selection of Major-General Duncan is partly owing to the fact that he has been for many years in close touch with General Sir George Francis Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and has had considerable experience of "Little Wars."

Major-General Duncan left London for Liverpool to embark for the Far East to-day. He will pick up troops at Malta en route.

Interviewed, Major-General Duncan said: "Remember this: British lives and property in Shanghai." He added that he "did not anticipate that the Cantonese would enter Shanghai before his arrival."—Reuter.

Insurance Rates.
London, Jan. 25.
Further inquiries as to rates to cover property in China against risks of damage by war or civil commotion were received in London yesterday.

Some quotations, after being rather easier lately, have since hardened. Five per cent. for a month is quoted on property in the International Settlement at Hankow. Two per cent. for a month and five per cent. for three months is quoted on property in the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Some large insurances have been effected in the last few days to cover risk of fire only, including

OBITUARY.

PORTUGUESE BANK CLERK'S DEATH.

MR. R. J. REMEDIOS.

The Portuguese community loses a valued and respected member in Mr. Romaldo Jacob Remedios, who has passed away at his house, No. 226, Wanchai Road, at the age of 68.

Mr. Remedios lived in Hong Kong for about 60 years. For 51 years he was with the local office of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., celebrating his jubilee a few months ago. On the first of the year he retired on pension but still called on the office occasionally.

In fact his death came as a surprise to his many friends and previous colleagues. It was known that he had been confined to bed with bronchitis but as recently as Jan. 13, he celebrated his birthday.

Mr. Remedios leaves a son and four daughters to mourn, with his wife, their loss. The son, Mr. L. G. Remedios, is in the Standard Oil Co. Two of the daughters are married to clerks in the Hong Kong Bank's Shanghai office, the late Mr. F. F. Pereira (who died in Canton on Dec. 10 last) and Mr. H. P. Pereira. Another daughter is married to Mr. F. L. Marques of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. and the other daughter is Miss Guiomar Remedios.

The sympathy of many will go out to the relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place to-day, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

R.C. CHURCH.

MONS. VALTORTA'S VISIT TO HOMUNTIN.

LATE BISHOP POZZONI.

With regard to the Memorial in memory of the late Bishop Pozzoni—as nothing has been done up to the present—the "Religio e Patria" suggests that a general meeting of the subscribers be convened by the President of the Committee, Mr. J. P. Braga, to decide what steps be taken.

According to "Religio e Patria" the residents of Homuntin gave a luncheon last month, in honour of Monsignor Valtorta at Mr. P. P. V. Soares' house.

Mr. Soares, in proposing the toast of His Lordship, mentioned the good services rendered by the Portuguese community to the Catholic Mission of Hong Kong and the interest taken in the formation of a High School, directed by Jesuit Fathers in this important centre where students flock from the neighbouring places.

His Lordship, in reply, said that his greatest endeavour was to develop the education in this colony and that he desired to see not only one Jesuit College, but ten or more spread throughout this Vicariate, and that he had spoken to a Portuguese Jesuit on the subject. He further said that he was astonished to see such a numerous and important Portuguese Colony in Hong Kong.—Contributed.

THE DRUG EVIL.

Geneva, Jan. 25.

The Opium Commission by seven votes to two, has rejected an Italian proposal requesting special consideration of the contingent question of the manufacture of harmful drugs and appropriate measures for the prevention of smuggling. Opponents of the proposal declared that it was first necessary to ratify the Geneva convention and to see the effect of its application.—Reuter.

"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD."

The crowded house at the World Theatre yesterday evening clearly indicated that the day of the fairy story has not yet ended; sailors, soldiers and civilians, and, of course, a host of Chinese, thoroughly enjoying Douglas Fairbanks' great film. "The Thief of Bagdad" has been described as Fairbanks' masterpiece, and those who did not see it when it was presented previously should not fail to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by its screening this evening.

ing risk of fire by war or civil commotion. Fire risk on certain property in Shanghai was accepted recently for a month at ten shillings and for three months at twenty shillings, but it seemed doubtful if further insurances on these bases could easily be effected, as some underwriters do not appear particularly anxious to increase their commitments as considerable insurances of this kind have been placed in the last few months.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 26, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 3/4	79 3/4	115 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	110 1/2	111 0	1100 b
do. London	111 1/2	111 0	115 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	121 n	121 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	121 n	123 n	—
do. C.	113 1/2 n	113 1/2 n	—
P. & O. Bank	129 1/4 b	110 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	70 n	76 n
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	65 1/2 b	64 0 b 66 0 s	64 0 n
China Underwriters	12 1/4 s	14 s	90 c s b
North China Insurance.	174 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	28 1/2 s & sa	28 1/2 b	28 1/2 b
Yangtze Insurance	143 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats.	24 s	24 n	24 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.	1.10	1.10	1.10
Indo-China (Pref)	32 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b	40 n	40 s
Shell Transports	53 1/2 b	98 1/2 b	98 1/2 b
Star Ferries	57 1/2 b	57 b 58 s	57 b
Water-boats	15 b	15 b	15 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	21 b 22 s	20 1/2 b 21 1/2 s	20 b
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.30 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	41 1/6 n.	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	25 n	25 n	25 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	1.45 n	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	78 n	8 n	—
Raub's	4 1/2 n	3.40 b	3 1/2 n.
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	107 1/2 b 111 s	110 b	110 s
H.K. & W. Docks	40 b	40 b 41 s	40 b
Hongkows	165 n	165	165 n
New Engineerings	16 n	6 s	6 n
Shanghai Docks	111 1/2 n	110 s	110 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.10 b	7 s	7.20 b
Hongkong Lands	55 1/2 b 55 sa	55 1/2 n	55 b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6	6 s
H.K. Territorial	3 s	3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 s	13 1/2 s	13 1/2 b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2 s
Oriental	2 1/2 n	2.60 s	2.34 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154 n	154 s	154 n.
do. (new)	154 n	154 s	154 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Keen	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	0	7.90 n	7.54 s
do. (old)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 s	6 s
do. (new)	13 1/2 b	13 1/2	13 1/2 s
China Buses	0 1/2 b	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 b	14 b 14 1/4 sa	14 b
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 b	8 b	8 b
China Prov.	4 1/2 s	5 s	4 1/2 s
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 n	16 1/2 b 17	17 1/2 n
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements.	16 1/2 n	16 1/2 b	16 b
H.K. Constructions	2 b	2.20 b	2.14 b
Hongkong Electrics	17 1/2 b 18 sa	18 s	18 sa
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	10 n	10 s	10 n
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b & sa	21 1/2 b
Lane, Crawford's	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
MacKintosh	10 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 1/2 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b.
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	8 n	7 1/2 s
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	10 1/2 s	11 1/2 s
Taxis	13 s	70 c b	73 Cts s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n	—
(Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	—
Watsons	12 b & a	12 1/2 b	12 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 1/2 b 3 3/4 s	3 1/2 b	3.40 s.

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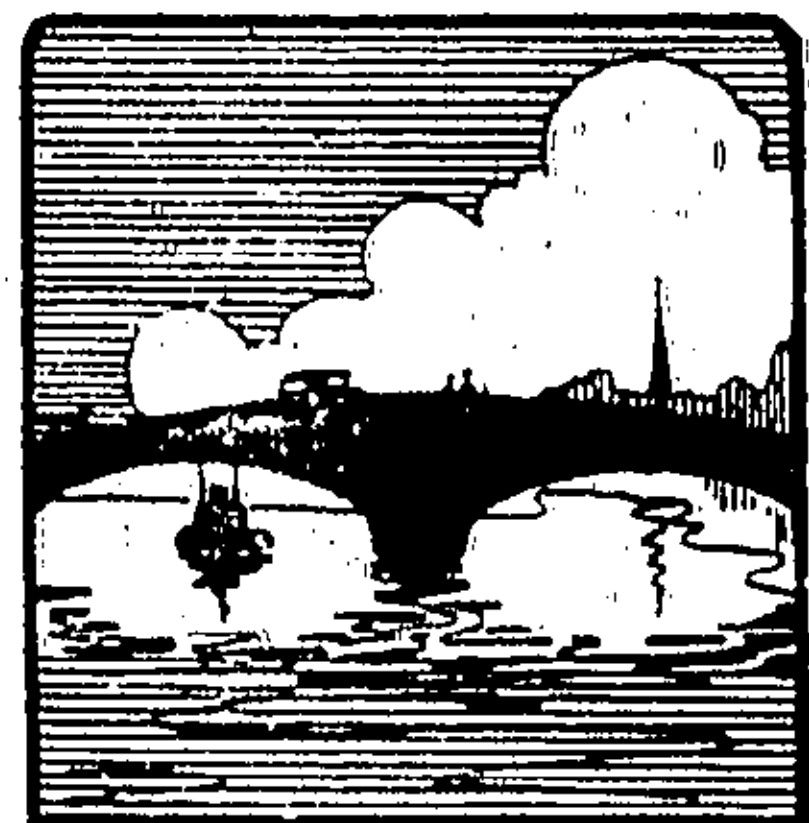
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Choice of Colours.

In ordering the fur wrap for this season, it is necessary to specify the colour desired in one's favourite fur. The natural tones are, of course, seen and are very beautiful and frequently flattering. But the vogue for using dyed pelts has taken hold of the mode in furs to such an extent that it is sometimes necessary to give a second glance to be assured of the kind of fur used.

Moleskin is particularly effective when dyed. Its soft surface lends itself beautifully to all the shades of winter. Autumnal tones predominate in afternoon wraps, but in the evening, the choice is more varied. Purple, red, green, orange, black and other shades are found most effective in these soft pelts. Combinations and blendings of tones are used with equal satisfaction. One shade harmonizes with great beauty in the becoming softness and appeal of the moleskin pelt.

Matching the frock that forms a smart ensemble is now possible in every colour. Fur coats and wraps may be had in hitherto unfound tints and harmonize perfectly with the frock and hat.

Alva White, who is seen in several charming fur wraps and coats in her First National motion picture, "The Runaway Enchantress," has selected an interesting moleskin wrap for formal afternoon occasions or for the evening, which features the novel shades of red and green. And it is indeed a season featuring novelties when the once demure mole can be seen in vivid tones, beautiful in the softening influences of the silky pelts.

WOMEN OF SPAIN.

The money an English or French woman would spend on her dress or her house in Spain goes toward her car (says E.V. in the "Manchester Guardian"). The average Spanish woman takes comparatively little interest in clothes. She dresses for the most part in black and wears a lace scarf in place of a hat when she is not wearing a proper mantilla, and wonderful embroidered shawls that have been in the family for generations do away with the necessity for elaborate evening dresses. Her car she regards as the most important part of her toilette, not a mere means of transport. It is only natural, there-

Hats That Paris Approves.

Brims and Crowns Find New Lines to Distinguish Them
in the Winter Season.

Hats, in the winter season, have a decided flair towards the unusual and unexpected. Just as one would suppose that the very high crown had become triumphant over all it surveyed, the low, draped tam with unexpected silhouette appears and the very large hat comes to make its wide-brim mark an important point in the mode formerly featuring small or brimless hats.

To be sure, the high, peaked crown is still smartly with us, as is the African turban or cross between a beret and high turban—but it must share its popularity with hats of all sorts of odd treatments of brim and crown.

The felt hat still possesses many of the typically smart features of the autumn hat. It frequently possesses the very high crown softened by a crease or two—or three, the narrow brim of which is turned both up and down, and the extreme simplicity of trimming.

Velours are still at the height of their popularity and share with felts a much needed place in tailored hats. There are all sorts of new felts and velours to intrigue the ever susceptible feminine eye. They vary from the flat, dull felts to the glossy affairs and the velours are either deep in pile or cut short for a very different effect.

In the tailored mode brims vary greatly. They may droop becomingly over the face in very tiny effects, or may be ruffled in picurist outline or show tiny tucks to achieve an uneven edge. The draped hat has indeed come into its own and appears in all sorts of shapes. The hat of South African influence still shows its mark upon the mode. Draped hats have a distinct tendency to run backwards in smartness. The beret-turban hat, too, is much seen in both velvets and combinations. The hat which drapes backward and terminates in a tam effect is new and very smart.

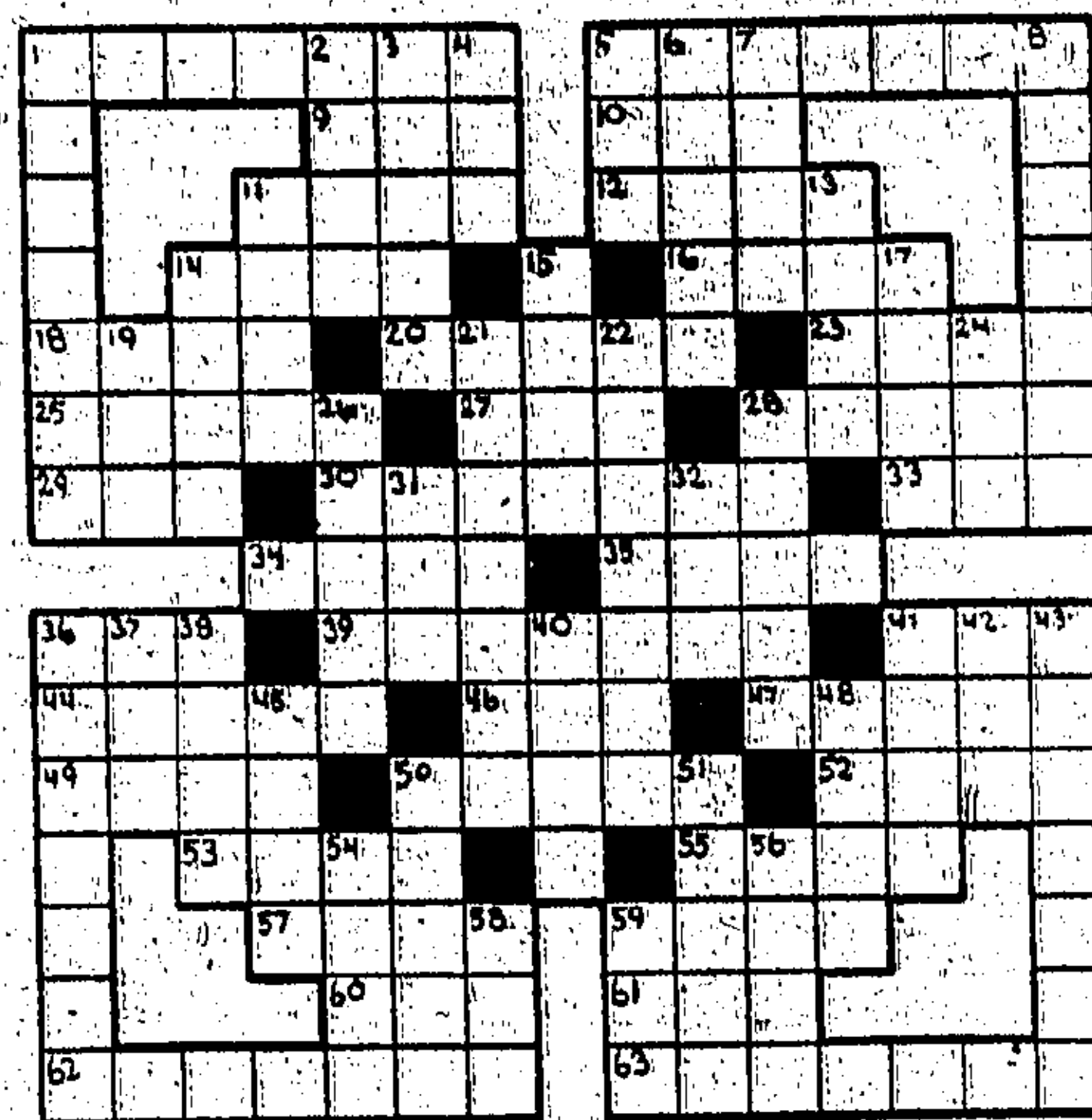
The dinner hat of James' brocade fabric and velours is always draped, and frequently in-turban style or shows a Russian influence in its very high, up-turned brim and looks like a brilliant crown.

While velvet and silks are used in formal hats, velvet, felt and velour in daytime mode, there is a new hat made of calf-skin that is very smart for sports and fits well in the draped turban effects.

Anna Q. Nilsson, who wears particularly fetching hats and gowns in her latest First Nations film "Easy Pickings," has selected a hat of the very simple type for traveling. It is a felt, turned down and expressing its smartness in a high, creased crown.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and attho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Wind instrument.
- 2-Slim.
- 3-Etruscan god.
- 10-A beverage.
- 11-Persian fairy.
- 12-Affect harshly.
- 14-Coarsely ground grain.
- 17-Cease.
- 18-A variety of cheese.
- 20-Fermenting agent.
- 22-Sedure.
- 25-Melancholic glances.
- 27-S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.).
- 28-Water-loving animal.
- 29-One (German).
- 30-Pulpit canopies.
- 32-Ensign (abbr.).
- 34-Fur seal that.
- 35-Captain of the Ark.
- 36-Cut.
- 38-Looking furtively.
- 41-Deacon (abbr.).
- 44-A scented root.
- 46-Wagon track.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-A heron.
- 49-Peruse.
- 50-Hidden.
- 52-Rave.
- 53-A vegetable (pl.).
- 54-In a new way.
- 57-Part of a church.
- 59-Glide.
- 60-A continent (abbr.).
- 61-Golf term.
- 62-Spanish nobleman.
- 63-Salute.

VERTICAL

- 1-Device used in sewing.
- 2-An excuse.
- 3-Scot to occur.
- 4-Prefix: Three.
- 5-Steamer (abbr.).
- 6-Smallest in value.
- 7-Point of compass.
- 8-Glives.
- 11-Ooze with effort.
- 13-Fixed station.
- 14-Bearing.
- 15-Section.

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Top of the head.
- 19-Brazilian coin.
- 21-Oriental.
- 22-Same as ayonite.
- 24-Bog.
- 25-Stair-treads.
- 28-River in E. Kansas.
- 31-Point of compass (abbr.).
- 32-The lance of King Arthur.
- 35-Dawn.
- 37-Raw metal.
- 38-Enfold.
- 40-Football term.
- 41-Haul.
- 42-Even (contr.).
- 43-Sedure.
- 45-Notion.
- 46-Flourished.
- 50-Flow out.
- 51-Scraped together.
- 54-Mimicked.
- 55-Require.
- 58-Before.
- 59-'As it stands' (Mus.).

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space; words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

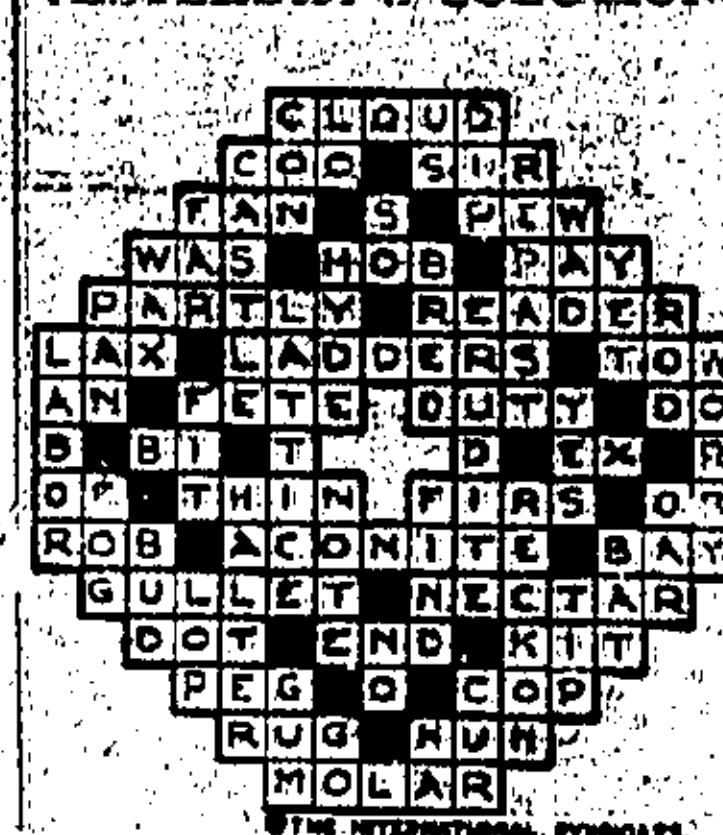
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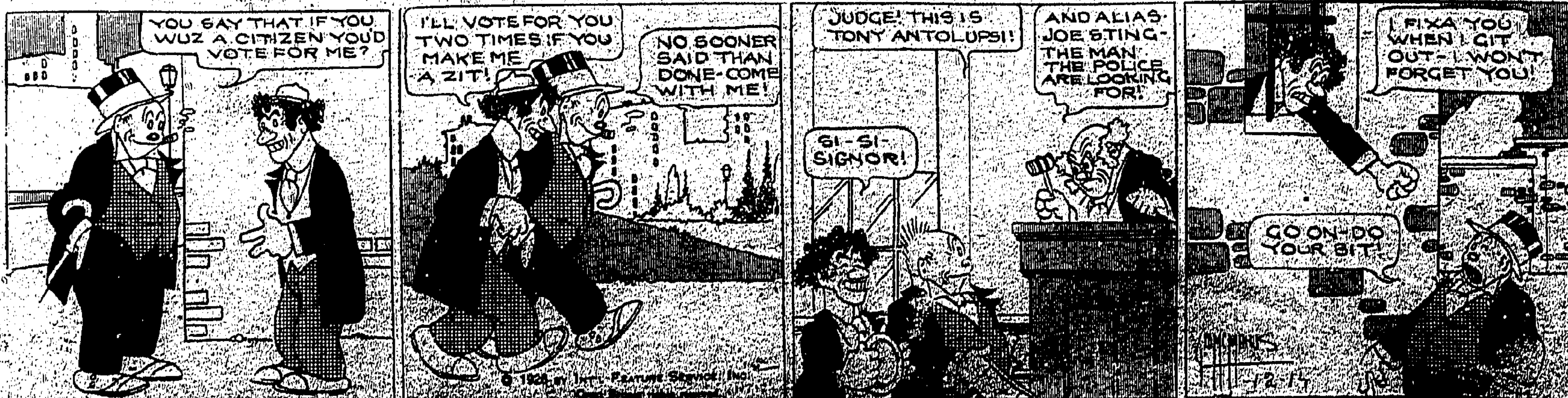
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A cat burglar secured a haul of
jewellery and other articles worth
£5,000 in ten minutes at a New
Malden house.

The seventeen-ton bell, cast in
England for service in the 325 feet
high Philadelphia tower, was rung
for the first time on New Year's
Eve.

The King sent 24 turkeys from
the Royal Farms at Windsor to
Slough Christmas poultry show and
sale. They fetched from a guinea
to 36s. each.

The L.N.E.R. announce the intro-
duction of cheap facilities for shop-
ping and theatre visits from subur-
ban stations within a wide radius of
large cities, including London.

Damage estimated at over
\$500,000 has been caused by a fire
in a workshop adjoining a grain
elevator at Fort William, Ontario.
Two hundred thousand bushels of
wheat were destroyed.

Fifty people were killed by tigers,
seven by crocodiles, one person by
a snake, and another by a bear, two
by elephants, and one by bees—in
the State of Johore, Malay States,
in 1925, says the Colonial Report.

Convicted of receiving stolen
jewellery, said to have been part of
the proceeds of the Hutton-garden
mail-van robbery, George Spiers, 57,
a commission agent, was sentenced
at the Old Bailey to three years'
penal servitude.

A large dump of military equip-
ment, swords, bayonets, machine-
gun parts, and powerful explosives
was found by detectives and mili-
tary in a mountainous and deserted
part of Donoughmore district of
County Cork.

An exhibition illustrating the
whole range of Flemish and Belgian
painting from 1500 to 1900, which
opened at the Royal Academy on
January 8, included some famous
Flemish tapestries lent by the State
Museum in Vienna.

In a dense crowd of Christmas
shoppers in Kansas City, six band-
its, attacked the guard escorting
a bank messenger, and relieved the
latter of a sum of 79,000 dollars in
cash. The robbers made good their
escape in a motor car.

For the seventh year in suc-
cession an anonymous friend has
provided what are known as "God's
Gifts" for the poor of Bromley,
Kent, and those who are in receipt
of out-relief—130 families, includ-
ing 80 children—will benefit.

An aeroplane, a motor tractor
(to break down undergrowth), and
600 policemen were employed
without success in the search
at Newlands Corner and across
the downs between Guildford and
Dorking for Mrs. Agatha
Christie, the novelist.

The Commonwealth Government
has decided that two women shall
accompany the Australian Indus-
trial Mission to America as ob-
servers.

Roughly 40 per cent. of the ap-
plicants for Kitchener Scholarships,
it was reported at the annual meet-
ing of the Memorial Fund, wanted
to become teachers. A very small
number of the applicants aimed at
a career outside England.

Rear-Admiral H. A. T. Cum-
mins, hon. paymaster R.N. (re-
tired), has died at Dinard,
France, within six weeks of his
80th birthday. Admiral Cummins
served continuously for 51 years
in the British Navy, which he
entered in 1864.

A Press Association message
states that the death is announced
at the age of 60 of M. Amedee
Bollee, one of the pioneers of
French motor car development.

Premises of a firm of jewellers in
the Strand were raided by thieves,
who were disturbed by the ringing
of a burglar alarm, but escaped
with jewellery to the value of
£3,000.

An empty jewel-case found on
Tooting Bec Common, S.W., has
been identified as one taken by
burglars from Mrs. K. Shaw's
residence, High Combe, Warren
Road, Croydon, New Malden,
when jewellery to the value of
£5,000 was stolen.

Baby Travels 6,000 Miles Alone



One hears a lot about the inde-
pendence of the present genera-
tion, but Andrew Knight, aged one
year and seven months, of Scotland
and Vancouver has established a new
record for present day travellers.

About a month ago, Andy, as every-
one affectionately calls him, was
deprived of both mother and father.
There was no one to dress him or
cuddle him or rock him in at night.
He was all alone in the world, which
must have seemed a pretty queer
place to Andy's big wondering blue
eyes.

Then someone remembered that
there were relatives in Vancouver,
and Andy in a new blue knitted
travelling suit (he is wearing it in the
picture) set out alone on one of the
longest journeys ever made by one
of such tender years. But having
rather a way with him, Andy soon
made friends with everyone on the
ship, and the 6,000 mile journey
across an ocean and a continent
passed very pleasantly indeed. He
couldn't complain about the expense
either, for his whole trip, over the
Atlantic on the C.P. liner Montclare
and all the way from St. John to
Vancouver by the C.P.R. cost him
exactly five dollars.

The above photograph snapped on
the Glasgow pier shows Andrew
saying good-bye to Captain Spicer
of the Salvation Army, who arranged
details of Andrew's trip.

The only assets reported at the
bankruptcy examination of Major
Hervy Bailey, a Birmingham scul-
ptor were a metal watch, valued
at 2s. 6d., and his law books.

Through a "paddy mail" train,
in which were 500 miners, crash-
ing into a derailed wagon in
dense fog near Sheffield, nineteen
of the men were injured.

Although a final call of 5s. in
the £ has been made upon the
Wembley guarantors, the liquida-
tors state that it is hoped that
no further payment than the 2s.
6d. actually called up for pay-
ment will be necessary.

Sir Samuel Hoare (Secretary
for Air), speaking at Birming-
ham, stated that every possible
precaution was being taken to
reduce the number of accidents
and that the situation was
steadily improving year by year.

Prince Ranjitsinhji ("Ranji,"
the famous cricketer) has bought
the "Valfreya," the yacht on
which the late Mr. Bayard
Brown, a wealthy recluse, lived
for many years at Wivenhoe,
Essex.

Mr. Wilcox, surveyor to Mon-
mouth Rural District Council, did
not appear at the monthly meet-
ing of the council and later, at
his home at Newcastle, near
Monmouth, he was found dead
with an arm artery severed.

About 900 employees of the
Raleigh Cycle Company at Not-
tingham, who forfeited rights under
the profit-sharing scheme are to
receive a bonus of more than two
weeks' pay. Sir Harold Bowden
(chairman of the company) has in-
formed the workers that he assumes
that they acted under the influence
of bad leaders, and for that reason
he is to ignore the events of the first
fortnight in May.

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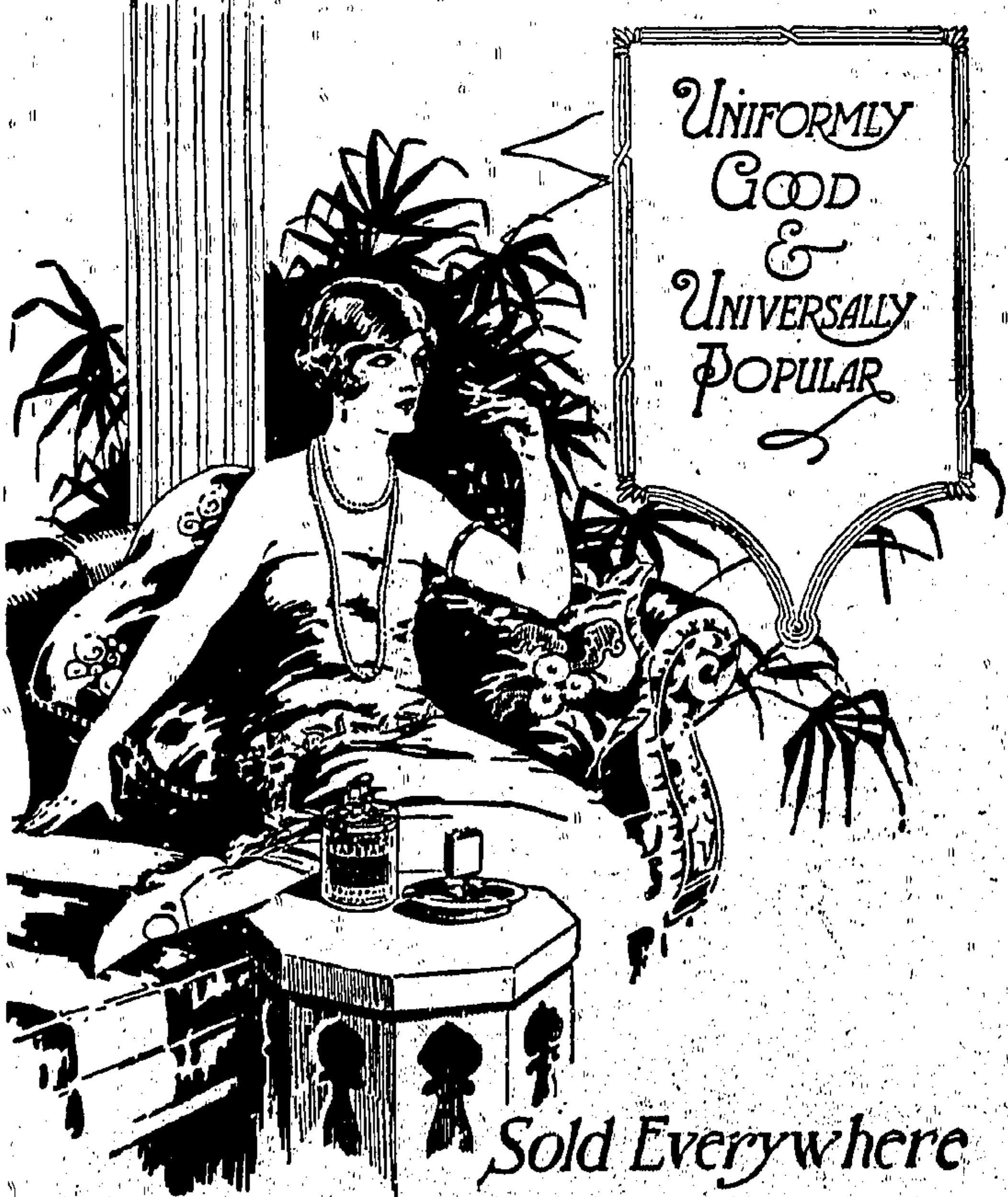
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From	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.	Per.
Straits	THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.	Talmay.
Shanghai	FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.	Liangchow.
Japan	SATURDAY, JANUARY 29.	Fushimi Maru
Manila	SUNDAY, JANUARY 30.	President Pierce.
Europe via Negapatam letters only	30th Dec, 1926.	Hakata Maru.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1		
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4	Dartagnan.
Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7	Morea.
Australia & Manila	Tuesday, February 1	Tanda.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.	Per.	Time
Swatow	Newchwang	3.30 p.m.	
Samahai and Wuchow	Cheung On	4.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Tai Lee No. 1	5 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kotsu Maru	5 p.m.	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.			
Bangkok	Chakrasang	10.30 a.m.	
Java via Sourabaya	Tjondari	11.30 a.m.	
Shanghai	Szechuen	2.30 p.m.	
Manila	President Jackson	3.30 p.m.	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.			
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haining	1 p.m.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 12th Feb. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Arufura.		
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29.			
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 27th Feb. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Fushimi Maru.		
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Swatow	Wai Shing	5 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru	8.30 a.m.	
Swatow & Bangkok	Kwangchow	9 a.m.	
MONDAY, JANUARY 31.			
Swatow	Haining	Noon	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1			
Sandakan	Mausang	11.30 a.m.	

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CHINA AND BRITAIN.

Mr. Eugene Chen's Statement.

NATIONALIST ASPIRATIONS.

Hankow, Jan. 25.
M. Eugene Chen, to-day, authorised the publication of the following declaration by the Nationalist Government:
"The leading assumption of all British and other declarations of policy regarding China is that she is unable to look after her own interests, and that in pursuance of the spirit of the Washington Conference, Great Britain and the other Powers must enter into self-denying ordinances respecting her in order to 'safeguard her integrity, independence, promote her economic development, and the rehabilitation of her finances.' This is not true of nationalist China. To-day, this new China is strong and conscious of its power and its ability by economic means to enforce its will on Chinese soil against any Power. The question then is not what Great Britain and the other Powers may wish to grant China to meet the 'legitimate aspirations of the Chinese nation,' but what nationalist China may justly grant Great Britain and the other Powers, whose regime of international control is now definitely sharing the fate of all historical systems of political subjection. These words are used advisedly. The system of international control in China, known as foreign imperialism, has necessarily involved such limitation of Chinese sovereignty, economic, judicial and political, that anything like real and full independence has not been enjoyed by China since England imposed on her the Treaty of Nanking, which inaugurated the system."

"The Dominant Aim."

"In a very real sense, therefore, it is historically true to state that the British, having defeated China in the opium wars, deprived her of her independence. Englishmen of the present generation, born since that dark transaction, may not remember, but nationalist China, with the old iron of defeat in its flesh, must needs remember. This is the nationalist view, and unless it is grasped as one of the dominant aims of Chinese nationalism, it can not be understood. What is this dominant aim? It is the recovery of China's full independence which was lost as the result of her defeat at the hands of the British. And until this act of historical justice is done, there can be no real peace between Chinese nationalism and British imperialism. Before the emergence of Chinese nationalism in its active revolutionary phase, there was, it is true, a state of seeming peace between the Chinese and the British, but it was no more real and enduring than the similar phenomena of 'peace' that one finds recorded on every page of history and conquest. The nation that is undying can never be at peace with its conqueror. It will strike at the selected moment. The selected moment came when British-controlled rifles were ordered to 'shoot to kill' Chinese students on Chinese soil on May 30, 1925, at Shanghai, and the movement for liberation found an instrument of powers when, following the killing of Chinese students and others by foreign machine-guns on June 23 off the Shameen, Canton, the economic weapon was forged by Chinese nationalism in the South. The struggle has spread and continued to spread, and because it is waged by an awakened nation fighting to be free, it will not cease until complete independence is won."

Position of Other Powers.

"Great Britain or any other Power has nothing to fear when China is under nationalist leadership and rule and recovers her lost independence. It is not to revert to methods of barbarism of a Chang Tsung-chang, or to reintroduce the feudalism of a Chang Tsung-chang, or to maintain and perpetuate the medievalism of the mandarinate in Peking that the nationalist China wants independence. This is desired, and is being fought for, because a modern State must be set up in China if the Chinese people are not to suffer the fate of dead nations; but if such a State is to be built up by Chinese hands, then China must be mistress of her own household—this means independence. The modern State in China implies the existence of a Government which will rule and administer in China as a common possession of the Chinese people, and not as the private property of some feudal or mediaeval, gang-in-control at Peking, and generally"

connotes an ideology and technique that will cause anti-social characters like Chang Tsung-chang and his allies to be thought of and dealt with in the terms and conception of outlawry as defined in books, and will subject individual British and other alien adventurers who aid and abet them to plunder China to punishment as international brigands. A Government whose existence is implied by the modern State in China will necessarily (since it will be a modern Government) work out the specific foreign issues involved in the recovery of China's full independence along lines which, while asserting and enforcing Chinese authority and preserving the vital nationalist interests, will not disregard the considerations of right and justice due to foreign nationals. But in this regard the great impressive fact must be grasped. To-day the effective protection of foreign life and property in China does not stand and can no longer rest upon foreign gunboats, the 'arm' of Chinese nationalism—the economic weapon—is more potent than any engine of warfare the foreigner can devise. And the British in particular must now understand that the forces of the present revolutionary situation are handing over the protection of foreign life and property to the Government that derives its authority from those in whose hands it is centred, a power that can paralyse the economic life of foreign nationals in China. It is, however, the view of the Nationalist Government that the liberation of China from the yoke of foreign imperialism need not necessarily involve any armed conflict between Chinese nationalism and foreign Powers. For this reason the Nationalist Government prefer to have all questions outstanding between nationalist China and foreign Powers settled by negotiation and agreement. It is in this sense that the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicated the policy of the Nationalist Government to the American Minister when the latter visited Canton last autumn, and the same policy has again been indicated to the new British Minister, the Japanese representative and the representative of the American Minister. In order to prove that this is no idle statement of its policy, the Nationalist Government hereby declares its readiness to negotiate separately with any of the Powers for a settlement of treaty or other cognate questions on the basis of economic equality and mutual respect for each other's political and territorial sovereignty."

Hankow Incidents.

"In spite of the misleading reports, the new status in quo in the Hankow Concession involved no real departure from the foregoing statement of policy, and the Nationalist Government have categorically repudiated the imputation that the events leading up to the new status in quo—the bayonetting of several Chinese, two of whom seriously—were deliberately planned and staged in order to bring about the violent and forcible capture of the Concession. The extension of the nationalist control to the Concession has been due less to the entry of armed Chinese forces (which occurred with the British consent) than (1) to the landing in the first instance of the British Marines in circumstances inevitably calculated to provoke, and which did provoke, a bloody clash with a patriotic Chinese crowd; and (2) to the abdication by the British Municipal Council of its powers (which, together with the unnecessary evacuation of the British women and children, was the result of a too lurid interpretation of the situation by the British), with the consequent establishment of the present Nationalist Commission for the administration of the Concession."

"Finally, the Nationalist Government have to emphasise these facts: (1) British trade and other interests lie preponderantly along the Yangtze and in South China, which are all subject to the Nationalist Government; (2) almost the whole of China south of the Yangtze, together with large areas in the North, including all that territory under the Kuomintang, is under Nationalist control; (3) if a plebiscite were to be taken in the territory under Chang Tsung-chang, Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang, an overwhelming vote would be cast in favour of the Nationalist Government. But the most decisive argument of all is that the Nationalist Government represents the real spirit of awakened China, and is the instrument of power in the achievement of the revolutionary movement with which foreign imperialism must come to terms. No Power incurs any risk in coming to terms with the Government which derives its authority and sanction and is supported by the Chinese nationalists, because nationalism is an indestructible and invincible force."—"Daily Bulletin"

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

PREMIER ON BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

THE VALUE OF THE FRANC.

Paris, Jan. 25.
M. Poincare gave an optimistic review of French finances since the Government entered office in July to the Chamber of Deputies. Finances Committee showing an improvement in state credit the Treasury position, revenue returns, and the exchange value of the franc. He added that for the first time since 1922 the Government had effected the statutory annual reimbursement of two milliard francs to the Banque de France. He declared that the Treasury now possesses a reserve of foreign currency sufficient for the service of all foreign loans in 1927. M. Poincare hoped to maintain the present exchange at 122 or 123 to the pound sterling as long as economic and political circumstances permitted. He deprecated precipitate stabilisation by law.—Reuter.

COTTON CONGRESS.

OUT TO ACHIEVE DEFINITE RESULT.

Cairo, Jan. 25.
King Fuad opened the International Cotton Congress in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, including Lord Lloyd and 166 delegates representing seventeen countries. Mr. Holroyd, the President of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, said he had seen cotton in Egypt which in his opinion was better than Sakellaris. This cotton can be produced in large quantities. The Congress closes here on Feb. 1, resumes at Alexandria on Feb. 2, and closes on Feb. 5. It is determined to achieve a definite result.—Reuter.

A \$5,000,000 LOAN.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND AMERICA.

Sydney, Jan. 25.
The Government has concluded arrangements for a \$5,000,000 loan from the United States for the purpose of meeting commitments in London. The Premier, Mr. Lang, says that the money has been obtained at a considerably better price than was possible in London.—Reuter.

BEAM WIRELESS TESTS.

Rugby, Jan. 25.
The report on tests made during the past week between beam wireless stations in England and Australia is issued by the Marconi Company.

It states that the tests have demonstrated that this wireless link is capable of working at a high speed each way for more hours than are called for under the terms of the contract with the Post Office. Defects, however, developed during the tests on some of the auxiliary apparatus. The Company has informed the Post Office that it requires further time to correct these defects, and is therefore not applying to the Post Office to accept a station until such defects are remedied.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
At 11.45 this morning, the Observatory reported as follows:—Pressure has increased slightly from Tongking to the Loochoos and over the Philippines. It has decreased slightly from the Bonins to N.E. Japan and is nearly stationary elsewhere.
Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 62.3; temperature 51; humidity 6; wind N.; force 1; weather overcast.

The "China Mail" has received a charming Chinese calendar from the Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

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